

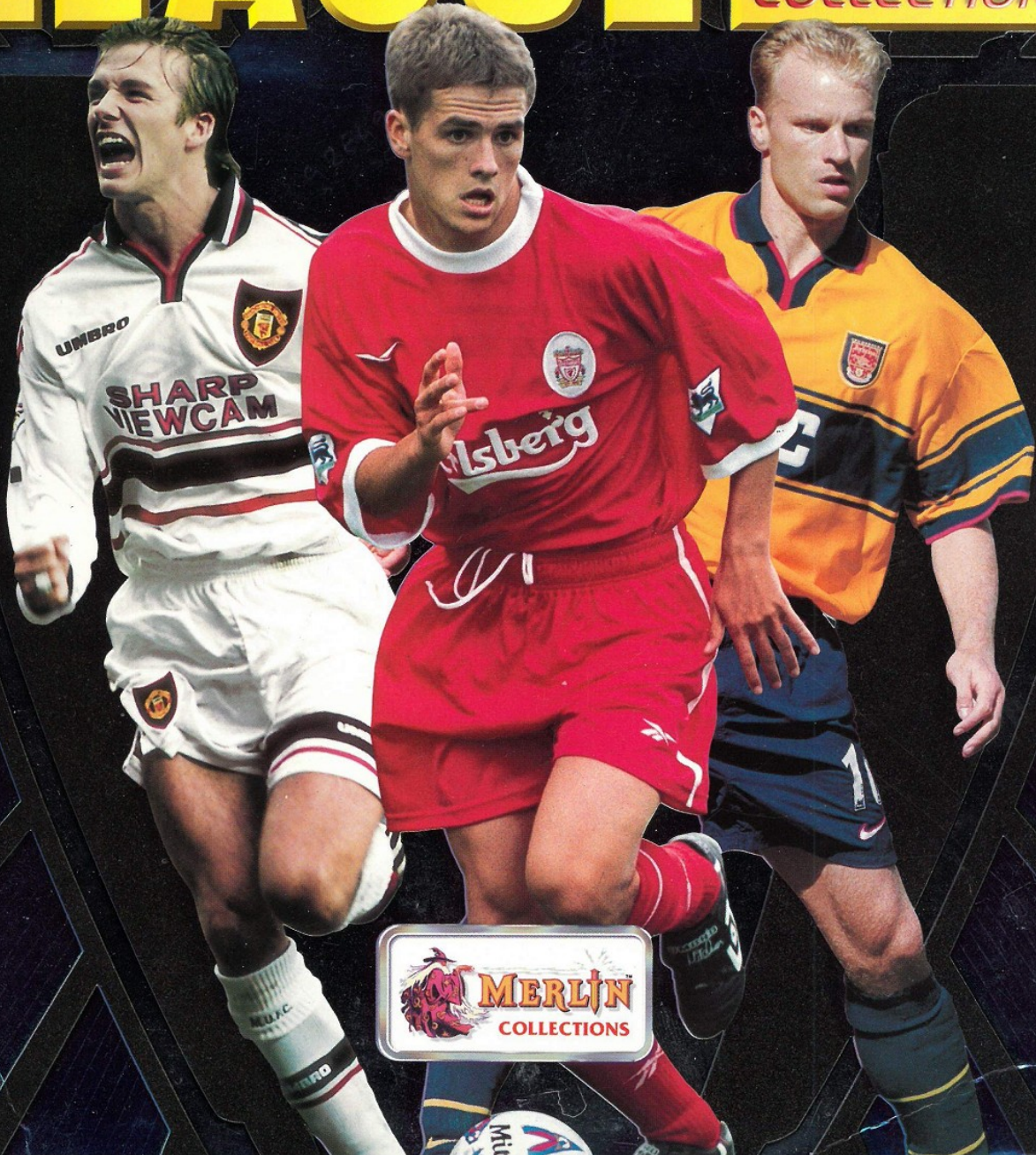
MERLIN'S



# PREMIER LEAGUE

# 99

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# Contents



## Statistics on Club Pages

The player statistics on the club pages in this album fall into two main categories. For each player, there is a career list of all his league appearances and league goals up to the end of the 1997/98 season, showing in order the season, club, division (where available), appearances (including as a substitute) and goals. (l) denotes on loan.

Overseas players' countries of origin are denoted by the following abbreviations:

A - Austria; ALG - Algeria; ARG - Argentina; AUS - Australia; B - Belgium; BOS - Bosnia; BR - Brazil; CI - Channel Islands; CAN - Canada; CH - Switzerland; CHI - Chile; COL - Colombia; COS - Costa Rica; CRO - Croatia; CY - Cyprus; CZ - Czech Republic; D - Germany; DK - Denmark; E - Spain; EW - Estonia; F - France; FIN - Finland; G - Georgia; GHA - Ghana; GR - Greece; HK - Hong Kong; HUN - Hungary; I - Italy; IC - Ivory Coast; ICE - Iceland; IL - Israel; IRL - Eire; MC - Monaco; N - Norway; NIG - Nigeria; NL - Holland; P - Portugal; PER - Peru; POL - Poland; R - Romania; RU - Russia; S - Sweden; S.A. - South Africa; SEN - Senegal; SK - Slovakia; SL - Sierra Leone; SUR - Surinam; T - Turkey; T&T - Trinidad and Tobago; UKR - Ukraine; URU - Uruguay; USA - United States of America; WI - West Indies; YUG - Yugoslavia; ZW - Zimbabwe.

The second category of stats, last season's player Performance Details statistics, are shown in a depth only found in Merlin football sticker collections. A number of different types of graphs and tables appear on the club pages. The "1997-98 Season Goalscorers" graph shows the team's goalscorers in the Premier League, FA Cup and League Cup. Where the leading goalscorer is no longer at the club he is not eligible for the team's "Top Scorer" sticker. The "When The Goals Were Scored" graphs show at what point during a game each team scored and conceded goals. The Premier League "Goalscorers Top Ten" table shows each club's leading goalscorers since the creation of the Premier League. Those players still at the club are marked with an asterisk. "1997/98 Performance Analysis" shows the team's performance and the team's leading players in a number of key categories. Player stats in the "1998 World Cup Star" panel refer to a player's performance in the 1998 World Cup and not the Premier League.

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**CARLING OPTA**

You will notice that on the backs of the head and shoulders stickers we have included Merlin Opta Index Stats showing a player's performance last season in a number of key categories. Where a player did not appear in the Premier League last season our panel of experts have rated his ability in four key categories. These ratings are based on performance last season. If a player did not appear at all last season no statistics or ratings are available.

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**EDITOR'S NOTE.** The final date for compiling this album was September 21, 1998. All reasonable efforts were made to ensure that the data was accurate at that time. Player transfers and/or managerial changes in FA Premier League clubs after that date were, of course, beyond our control. For the first time this year we have used special gold ink on the head and shoulder stickers and team group stickers of the current Premier League champions. As 1997/98 Champions, Arsenal have the honour of a gold Premier League lion, just as they wear a gold lion on their shirts when playing in the Premier League.



**W**elcome to Merlin's Premier League 99 Official Sticker Collection. As we approach the new millennium this is an ideal opportunity to reflect on the impact of The F.A. Premier League on English football and look forward to continued success well into the next century.



With more and more world class stars now playing in the Premiership, our league is rightly regarded as one of the very best. The increase in talent and improvements in stadia facilities have brought fans flooding through the turnstiles in record numbers. With The F.A. Premier League getting better and better each year it's pleasing to see the quality of Merlin's collection improving with every season.

The Merlin Collection is an excellent record of the last complete Premier League season of the 20th Century. In such ground breaking times this unique guide to each Premiership club and its players is a welcome addition to the work of The F.A. Premier League. Whether you are a seasoned collector or new to Premier League sticker collecting we hope you

have as much fun collecting Merlin stickers as you do playing or watching the game itself.

Here's to another great season of Premier League action and good luck to all our fans.

*P. Leaver*

Peter Leaver QC  
Chief Executive  
and General Counsel  
The F.A. Premier League







# Arsenal

Arsène Wenger's classy collection of international stars have become one of the Premier League's most feared opponents. With World Cup winners Emmanuel Petit and Patrick Vieira providing the driving force in midfield and a host of world-class stars competing for places, Wenger will be confident of building on the Double success of last season.

## MERLIN'S Guide to Highbury

### HOW TO GET THERE BY CAR

From the M1 exit at the A1 turn-off - Junction 2/3. Keep on the A1, soon called Archway Road and then Holloway Road. Turn left into Station Place then right into Stroud Green Road and then cross Seven Sisters Road onto the A1201 Blackstock Road which becomes Highbury Park. Turn right into Aubert Park and right again into Avenell Road. There is limited parking around the ground.

### Manager Arsène Wenger

OFFICIAL WEBSITE  
<http://www.arsenal.co.uk>

### ESSENTIAL NUMBERS

Club Number: 0171 704 4000  
Tickets: 0171 704 4040  
Recorded Info: 0171 704 4242  
Junior Gunners: 0171 704 4160  
Credit Card  
Bookings: 0171 413 3366  
Club Call: 0891 20 20 20\*

\* Calls cost 50p per minute at all times. Obtain permission from the bill-payer before calling.

## Team Kits

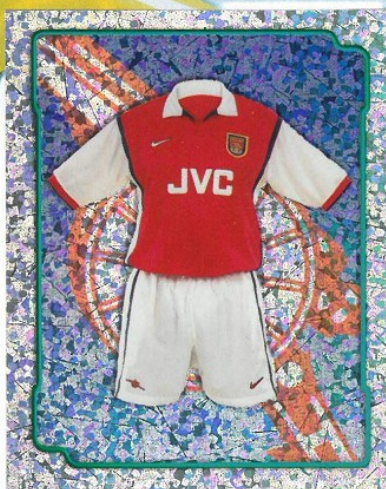
### Away Kit

Yellow shirts with a navy blue hoop and red and navy blue trim, navy blue shorts, navy blue socks with yellow trim.



### Home Kit

Red shirts with white sleeves and collars and white and blue trim, white shorts with blue trim, red socks with white and blue trim.



Sponsor

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Kit Manufacturer



**Stadium Address**  
Arsenal Stadium, Avenell Road,  
Highbury, London N5 1BU

**Nearest Train Station**  
Arsenal Station

Pitch Size: 101 x 67m

Soccer field sponsored by



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**FOR HUNGRY SUPPORTERS**

13-15 Seven Sisters Road,  
Holloway, London

**Family Enclosure**

West Stand, Lower Tier

**Ground Capacity: 38,500**

**Away Supporters**

West Stand, Lower Tier and  
Clock End, Lower Tier

**Disabled** There are spaces for 92 wheelchairs and helpers in the East Stand, Lower Tier, 56 seats for the visually impaired, and 30 commentary headsets situated in the North Bank



## Fixtures

home

away

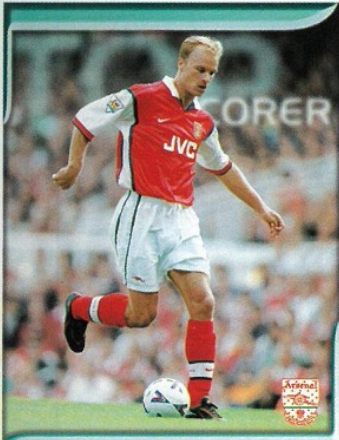
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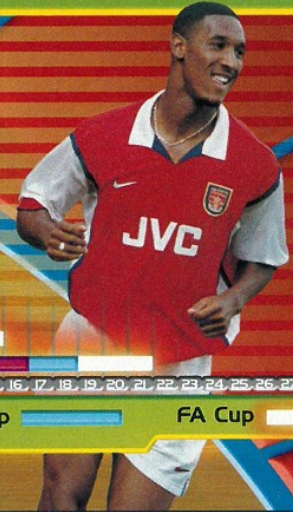
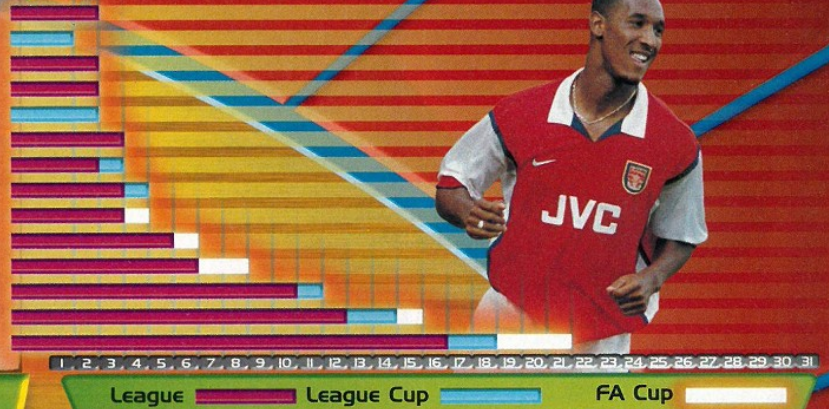




# 1997-98 Season Goalscorers



Others  
Mendez  
Petit  
Vieira  
Pereira  
Adams  
Hughes  
Platt  
Wreh  
Parlour  
Anelka  
Wright  
Overmars  
Bergkamp



## Top Scorer DENNIS BERGKAMP

The Dutch maestro scored an impressive 16 goals for Arsenal last season. In August '97 Bergkamp finished first, second, and third in BBC's 'Match of the Day' Goal of the Month competition.

UEFA (Fairs)  
Cup Winners  
1970



European Cup  
Winners' Cup  
Winners  
1994



Charity Shield  
Winners  
1930, 1931,  
1933, 1934,  
1938,  
1948, 1953,  
1991 (shared),  
1998



League Cup  
Winners  
1987, 1993



FA Cup Winners  
1930, 1936,  
1950, 1971,  
1979, 1993,  
1998



League Champions  
1930/31, 1932/33,  
1933/34, 1934/35,  
1937/38, 1947/48,  
1952/53, 1970/71,  
1988/89, 1990/91,  
1997/98



first half

Team goals for

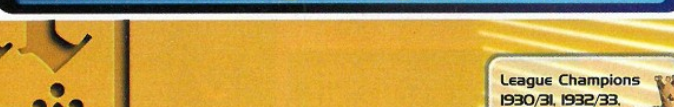
second half



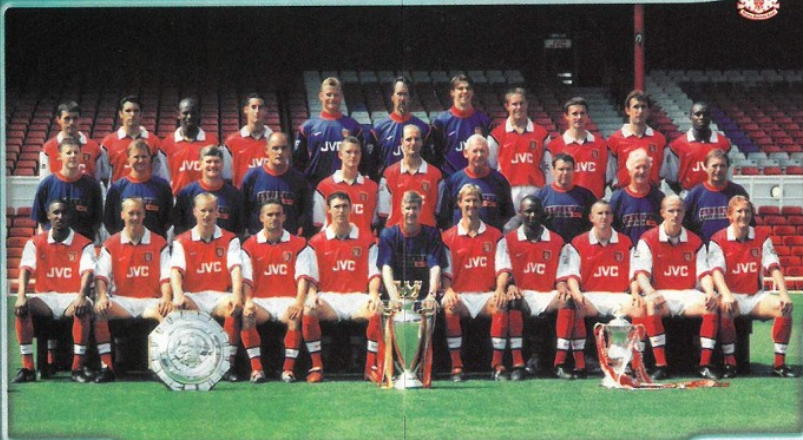
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Team goals against

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ARSENAL

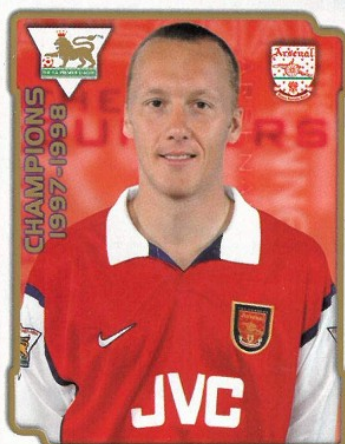


## Premier League Record

1997-98 1st  
1996-97 3rd  
1995-96 5th  
1994-95 12th  
1993-94 4th  
1992-93 10th

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## DAVID SEAMAN

Born: Rotherham, 19-9-63  
Height: 1.93m Weight: 93kg

England's undisputed number one. Seaman's consistent and outstanding form last season helped Arsenal claim The Double.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gl
81/82	Leeds United	I	1	-
82/83-84/85	Peterboro	4	91	-
Oct 84	Birmingham	2	33	-
85/86	Birmingham	I	42	-
86/87-89/90	OPR	I	141	-
90/91-91/92	Arsenal	I	80	-
92/93-97/98	Arsenal	P	200	4
Totals			587	-

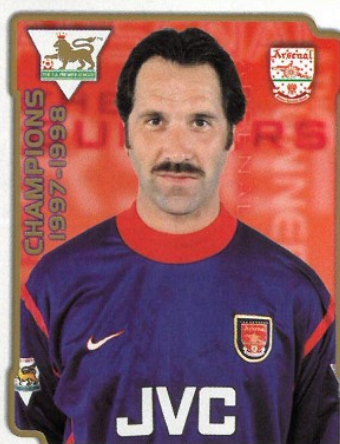
Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gl
82/83	Burnley	2	3	-
83/84	Burnley	3	1	-
83/84-84/85	Chester	4	57	1
85/86	Bury	3	45	5
86/87-87/88	Stoke C	2	71	5
Jan 88-91/92	Arsenal	I	163	15
92/93-97/98	Arsenal	P	200	5
Totals			530	31

Born: Manchester, 17-3-64  
Height: 1.75m Weight: 69kg

The experienced full-back continues to turn in performances of the highest quality. He is an integral part of Arsenal's famously reliable defence.

## LEE DIXON

D



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## NIGEL WINTERBURN

Born: Coventry, 11-12-63  
Height: 1.73m Weight: 72kg

The left-footed full-back uses his experience to the full against the Premier League's best. He's never found wanting when the going gets tough.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gl
81/82-82/83	Birmingham	I	-	-
83/84	Oxford U	3	49	1
Sep 83	Wimbledon	3	43	1
84/85-85/86	Wimbledon	2	80	5
86/87	Wimbledon	I	42	2
87/88-91/92	Arsenal	I	170	4
92/93-97/98	Arsenal	P	22	4
Totals			547	16

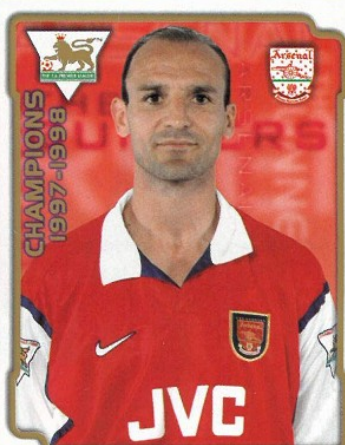
Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gl
80/81-82/83	Stoke C	I	16	-
82/83	Torquay (L)	4	9	-
83/84-84/85	Stoke C	I	76	5
85/86-87/88	Stoke C	2	91	1
88/89-91/92	Arsenal	I	112	3
92/93-97/98	Arsenal	P	155	2
Totals			459	11

Born: Stoke, 16-11-62  
Height: 1.93m Weight: 90kg

The big centre-back collected his third championship medal last season. He is magnificent in the air, no matter which end of the pitch he's at.

## STEVE BOULD

D



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## TONY ADAMS

Born: London, 10-10-66  
Height: 1.86m Weight: 77kg

A commanding and hard-working captain. Adams' performances at the heart of Arsenal's rock-solid defence are an inspiration to those around him.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gl
83/84-91/92	Arsenal	I	249	20
92/93-97/98	Arsenal	P	172	10
Totals			421	30

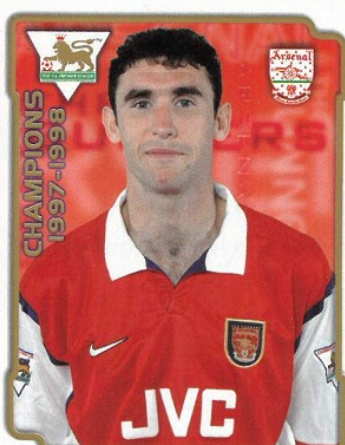
Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gl
83/84-84/85	Arsenal	I	16	-
84/85	Brighton (L)	2	16	-
85/86	Arsenal	I	22	-
86/87	Brighton (L)	2	7	1
87/88	Aston Villa	I	36	-
88/89	Aston Villa	2	42	3
89/90-91/92	Aston Villa	I	34	-
92/93	Everton	I	63	-
Feb 93-97/98	Arsenal	P	165	2
Totals			418	6

Born: Oxford, 24-7-66  
Height: 1.86m Weight: 78kg

Keown is a more than capable performer at centre-back. He reads the game like a book and tackles like his life depended on it.

## MARTIN KEOWN

D



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## GILLES GRIMANDI

Born: Gap, F. 11-11-70  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 74kg

Grimandi is an intelligent and creative defender. He filled in at centre-back and full-back for Arsenal last season, making 22 appearances in all.

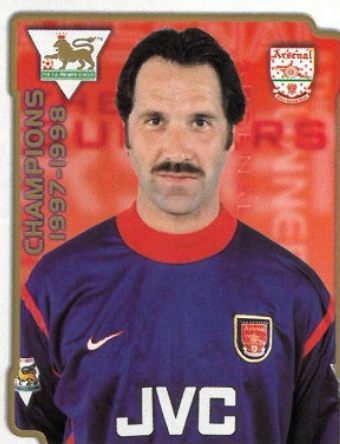
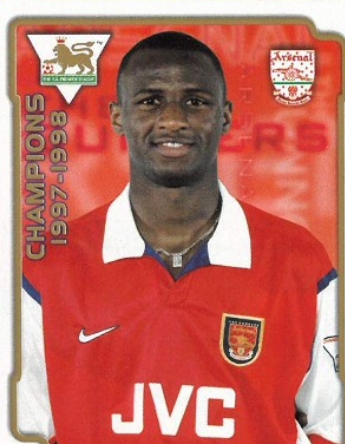
Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gl
93/94-95/96	Monaco, F	I	98	4
Nov 95	AC Milan, I	A	1	-
96/97-97/98	Arsenal	P	22	1
Totals			120	5

Born: Dakar, SEN, 2-6-76  
Height: 1.91m Weight: 76kg

One of Arsenal's glorious World Cup-winning Frenchmen. Vieira's tough and uncompromising style of play makes him a tremendous midfield talent.

## PATRICK VIEIRA

M







## NELSON VIVAS

M

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
90/91	Oulmes AC, ARG	2	-	-
91/92	Oulmes AC, ARG	1	35	1
93/94	Oulmes AC, ARG	2	-	-
94/95-96/97	Boca Jrs., ARG	1	52	3
97/98	Lugano, CH	1	-	-
Totals			87	4

Born: Buenos Aires, ARG. 18-10-69  
Height: 166m Weight: 67kg

Vivas was originally signed as a right-sided defender, but enjoys superb versatility. He is just as effective in midfield as he is defending.

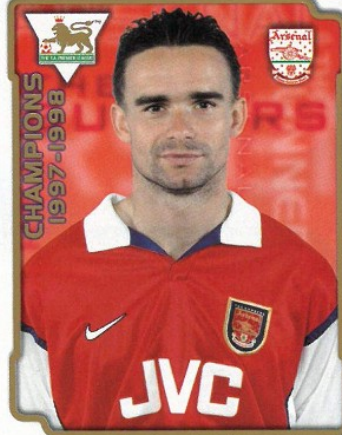
Born: Ernst, NL. 29-3-73  
Height: 173m Weight: 74kg

The Dutchman's flying wing-play frightens defences throughout the league. Last season he chipped in with 12 goals to help Arsenal win the title.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
90/91	GA Eagles, NL	II	1	1
91/92	William II, NL	I	31	1
92/93-96/97	Ajax, NL	I	134	35
97/98	Arsenal	P	32	12
Totals			208	49

## MARC OVERMARS

M



## RAY PARLOUR

M

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
90/91-91/92	Arsenal	P	6	1
92/93-97/98	Arsenal	P	163	10
Totals			169	11

Born: Romford, 7-3-73  
Height: 178m Weight: 75kg

Parlour's performances last season earned him a place in the England squad. His play has matured under Wenger with excellent results.

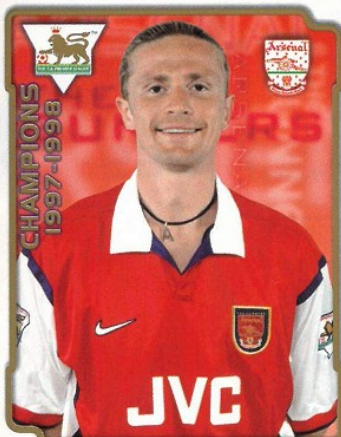
Born: Wokingham, 18-9-76  
Height: 185m Weight: 80kg

Hughes is one of Highbury's hottest young talents. He's a creative hard-working player on the left side of Arsenal's midfield.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
94/95-97/98	Arsenal	P	32	3

## STEPHEN HUGHES

M



## EMMANUEL PETIT

M

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
88/89-96/97	Monaco, F	I	222	4
97/98	Arsenal	P	32	2
Totals			254	6

Born: Dieppe, F. 22-9-70  
Height: 187m Weight: 79kg

Petit has become one of the world's most accomplished midfielders. His seemingly limitless energy is vital to Arsenal's competitive midfield.

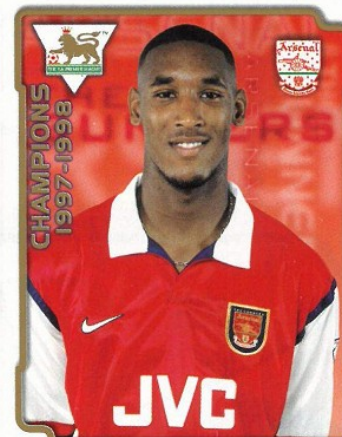
Born: Versailles, F. 14-3-79  
Height: 184m Weight: 76kg

Anelka's blistering pace proved a dangerous weapon last season. He is maturing all the time and his game will certainly improve.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
95/96-96/97	Paris SG, F	I	10	1
Apr 97-97/98	Arsenal	P	26	6
Totals			36	7

## NICOLAS ANELKA

F



## DENNIS BERGKAMP

F

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
86/87-92/93	Ajax, NL	Ere	185	100
93/94-94/95	Inter Milan, I	A	52	11
95/96-97/98	Arsenal	P	90	39
Totals			327	150

Born: Amsterdam, NL. 10-5-69  
Height: 185m Weight: 78kg

Bergkamp's exceptional skills are a test for any defence. He's always capable of finding enough space to give opponents problems.

FA Premier League  
Hall of Fame inductee for 1997/98

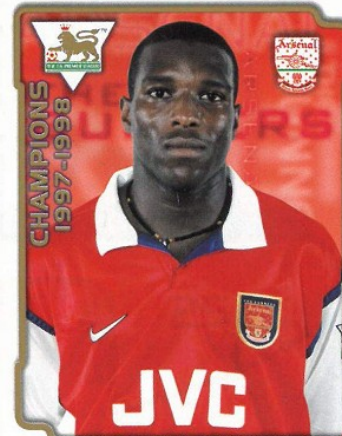
Born: Liberia, 14-5-75  
Height: 175m Weight: 72kg

The young Liberian made a big impact towards the end of last season. He possesses excellent ball skills and has a keen eye for goal.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
95/96	Monaco, F	I	8	3
96/97	Guilcamp, F	I	33	10
97/98	Arsenal	P	16	3
Totals			62	16

## CHRISTOPHER WREH

F







## ALEX MANNINGER

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
95/96	V Steyr. A	1	5	-
96/97	C Salzburg. A	1	1	-
97/98	Casino Graz. A	1	23	-
Totals	Arsenal	1	7	-
			36	-

Born: Austria, 4-6-77  
Height: 1.87m Weight: 83kg

Manninger is a key part of Arsene Wenger's plans for the future. In Seaman's absence last season Manninger proved he is a quality performer.



Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
95/96	Luton T	1	1	-
96/97	Luton T	2	1	-
May 97-97/98	Arsenal	P	5	-
Totals			6	-

Born: Eye, 18-4-79  
Height: 1.87m Weight: 72kg

Upson's future is a bright one. Under the expert tutelage of Tony Adams the young and commanding centre-back will certainly get better and better.

## MATTHEW UPSON

M

## RÉMI GARDE

Born: L'Arbresle, F, 3-4-66  
Height: 1.79m Weight: 73kg

Garde proved to be an excellent stand-in when called upon last season. He used his wealth of experience to fill gaps in midfield and defence.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
87/88	Lyon. F	1	31	4
88/89	Lyon. F	2	32	5
89/90-92/93	Lyon. F	1	112	17
93/94-95/96	Strasbourg. F	1	68	3
96/97-97/98	Arsenal	P	21	-
Totals			264	29

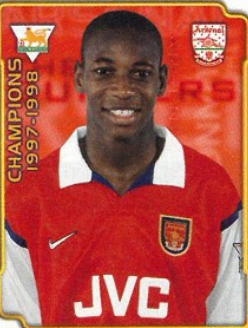


Born: Portugal, 4-8-77  
Height: 1.75m Weight: 68kg

Capped at U21 level by Portugal, Pereira is a talented prospect expected to make a big impact. He is a pacy winger with excellent attacking instincts.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
95/96-96/97	S Usabon Jrs	P	10	-
97/98	Arsenal	P	15	-
Totals			25	-

## LUIS BOA MORTE PEREIRA



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## Fans' Favourite Dennis Bergkamp

Shots on Target

50%

Dribble Success

74%

Cross Completion

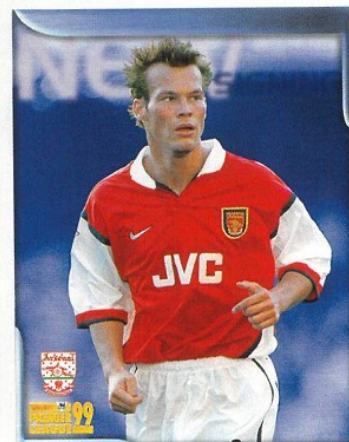
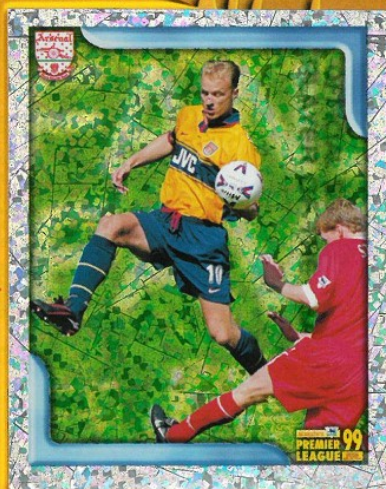
34%

Pass Completion

65%

Position: Forward

97/98 League Record:  
28 APPS/16 GOALS



## 1997/98 Performance Analysis

Team Performance

Leading Player

Shots On Target

Rank

620 3

Shots On Target

38% 9=

Bergkamp

55

Pass Completion

72% 7=

Vieira

1348

Tackles Won

69% 1

Vieira

158

Dribble Success

76% 6=

Overmars

192

Cross Completion

28% 11=

Bergkamp

29

## Goalscorers Top Ten

\*Player still with club

Wright

104

Bergkamp\*

39

Merson

28

Campbell

22

Hartson

14

Platt

13

Overmars\*

12

Adams\*

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Parlour\*

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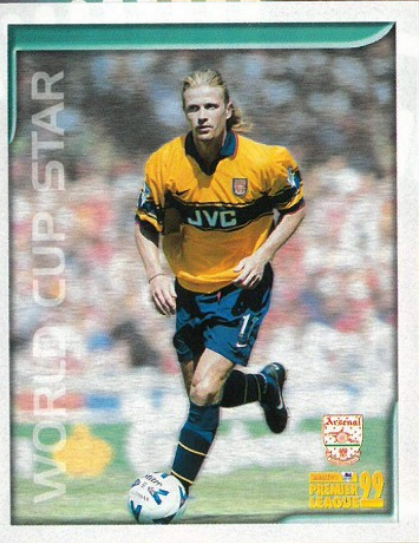
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# 1998 World Cup Star

Emmanuel Petit



Dribble Success

75%

Pass Completion

82%

Tackles Won

75%

Shots on Target

56%



Country: France  
Position: Midfielder

Mins on Pitch: 507  
Goals Scored: 2



Key Player  
Marc Overmars

Position: Midfielder

97/98 League Record:  
32 APPS/12 GOALS

47%

78%

27%

73%

Shots on Target

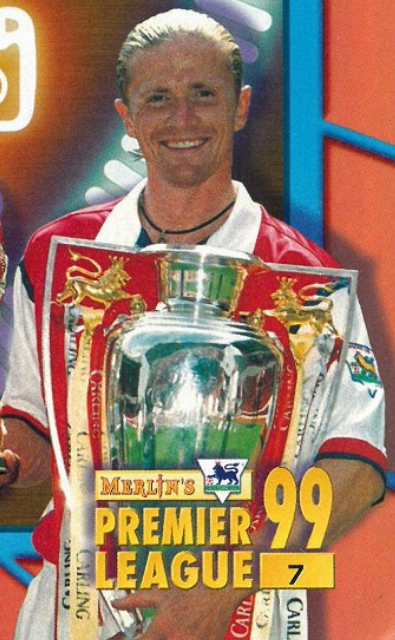
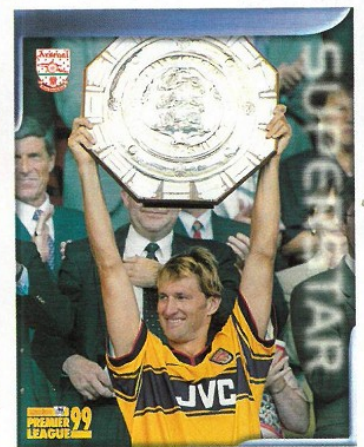
Dribble Success

Cross Completion

Pass Completion



Superstar



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# Aston Villa

After an excellent start to the new campaign Villa fans will be hoping John Gregory can fulfil the potential of his exciting squad and bring some silverware back to Villa Park. The superb defence remains as sturdy as ever and with the midfielders and forwards gelling well, Villa's strong line-up is capable of bringing success to the Midlands' side.

## MERLIN'S Guide to Villa Park

### HOW TO GET THERE BY CAR

From all directions join M6. Exit M6 at junction 6 onto the A38 (M) Aston Expressway. Take first exit right onto Victoria Road. At roundabout take right exit into Witton Road for Villa Park.

## Manager John Gregory

### OFFICIAL WEBSITE

<http://www.astonvilla-fc.co.uk>

### ESSENTIAL NUMBERS

Club Number: 0121 327 2299  
Tickets: 0121 327 5353  
Recorded Info: 0891 12 18 48\*  
Credit Card  
Bookings: 0121 607 8000  
Club Call: 0891 12 11 48\*

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## Team Kits

### Away Kit

Aqua shirts with black and white trim, black shorts with aqua and white trim, aqua socks with black and white trim.



### Home Kit

Claret shirts with sky blue sleeves and white trim, white shorts with claret and blue trim, sky blue socks with claret and white trim.



### Sponsor



### Kit Manufacturer



**Stadium Address**  
Villa Park, Trinity Road,  
Birmingham, B6 6HE

**Nearest Train Station**  
Witton Station

Pitch Size: 105 x 69m

Family enclosure sponsored by



FOR HUNGRY SUPPORTERS

Chester Road, Birmingham  
One-Stop, Shopping Centre,  
Perry Bar,  
Birmingham, B20

**Family Enclosure**

North Stand, Upper Tier

Ground Capacity: 39,372

**Away Supporters**

North Stand, Lower Tier and  
Double Ellis Stand, Lower Tier

**Disabled** There are spaces for 38  
wheelchairs and helpers for disabled  
supporters in Trinity Road Stand  
and Holte Stand



## Fixtures

home

away

	Everton
	Blackburn Rovers
	Leeds United
	Coventry
	Chelsea
	West Ham United
	Southampton
	Nottingham Forest
	Charlton Athletic

	Middlesbrough
	Newcastle United
	Wimbledon
	Derby County
	Tottenham Hotspur
	Leicester City
	Liverpool
	Manchester United
	Arsenal





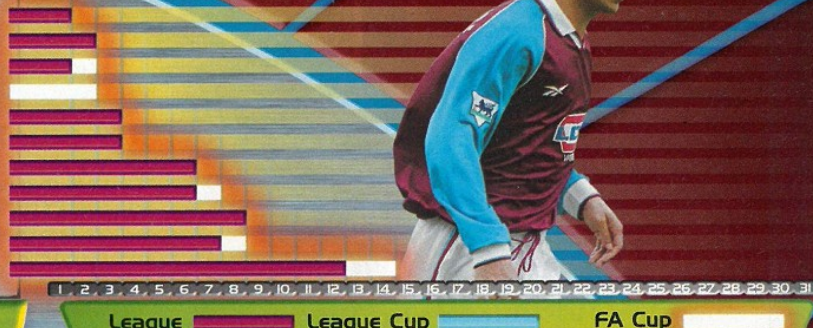
# 1997-98 Season Goalscorers



## Top SCORER JULIAN JOACHIM

Joachim's 8 goals last season are an indication of the growing confidence of the young Villa star. Now firmly established as a first team regular and Villa's number one hit man.

Charles  
Ehiogu  
Staunton  
Grayson  
Hendrie  
Draper  
Taylor  
Collymore  
Joachim  
Milosevic  
Yorke



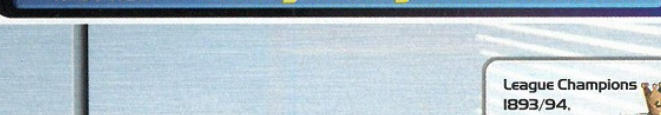
League League Cup FA Cup

## When the goals were scored

first half Team goals for second half



first half Team goals against second half



European Super Cup Winners 1983



European Cup Winners 1982



Charity Shield Winners 1981 (shared)



League Cup Winners 1961, 1975, 1977, 1994, 1996



FA Cup Winners 1887, 1895, 1897, 1905, 1913, 1920, 1957



League Champions 1893/94, 1895/96, 1896/97, 1898/99, 1899/1900, 1909/10, 1980/81



ASTON VILLA

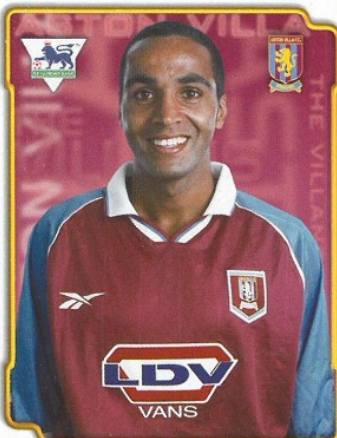


## Premier League Record

1997-98 7th  
1996-97 5th  
1995-96 4th  
1994-95 18th  
1993-94 10th  
1992-93 2nd

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## MARK BOSNICH

Born: Fairfield, AUS. 13-1-72  
Height: 1.86m Weight: 86kg

A superbly athletic shot-stopper. Bosnich plays with a confident style. He kept a clean sheet in over 30% of his games last season.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
89/90-90/91	Man Utd	I	3	-
91/92	Aston Villa	I	1	-
92/93-97/98	Aston Villa	P	163	-
Totals			167	-

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
87/88-88/89	Nott'm F	I	1	-
88/89	Leicester C (L)	2	8	-
89/90-91/92	Nott'm F	I	41	1
92/93	Nott'm F	P	14	-
93/94-94/95	Derby Co	I	61	3
Jan 95-97/98	Aston Villa	P	68	2
Totals			193	6

Born: London. 13-4-70  
Height: 1.75m Weight: 69kg

Charles is a quick and effective performer on the right flank. He's got plenty of pace and is an excellent crosser of the ball.

## GARY CHARLES

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## ALAN WRIGHT

Born: Ashton-u-Lyme. 28-9-71  
Height: 1.63m Weight: 59kg

Wright missed only one game for Villa last season. The determined full-back's creative play on the left gives Villa an extra attacking option.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
87/88-89/90	Blackpool	3	41	-
90/91-91/92	Blackpool	4	57	-
Oct 91	Blackburn	2	38	1
92/93-94/95	Blackburn	P	41	-
Mar 95-97/98	Aston Villa	P	121	3
Totals			293	4

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
88/89	Crystal P	2	1	-
89/90-91/92	Crystal P	I	31	-
92/93	Crystal P	P	33	3
93/94	Crystal P	I	46	9
94/95	Crystal P	P	42	3
95/96-97/98	Aston Villa	P	91	2
Totals			243	17

Born: Watford. 3-9-70  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 75kg

Southgate's strong performances in Villa's defence make him a regular in the England squad. His organisational qualities are second to none.

## GARETH SOUTHGATE

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## UGO EHIOGU

Born: London. 3-11-72  
Height: 1.88m Weight: 84kg

Ehiogu is one of Villa's most reliable performers. He uses his sturdy frame to great effect and is a commanding header of the ball.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
90/91	WBA	2	2	-
91/92	Aston Villa	I	8	-
92/93-97/98	Aston Villa	P	171	9
Totals			181	9

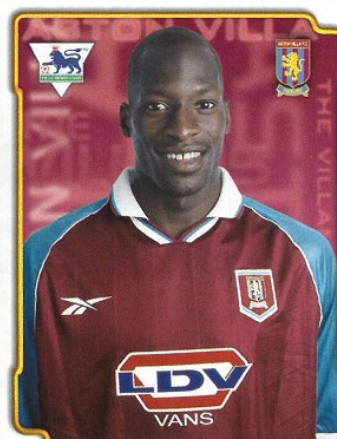
Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
87/88-89/90	Leeds United	2	2	-
90/91-91/92	Leeds United	I	-	-
Mar 92	Leicester C	2	18	-
92/93-93/94	Leicester C	I	64	2
94/95	Leicester C	P	34	-
95/96	Leicester C	I	41	2
96/97	Leicester C	P	36	-
97/98	Aston Villa	P	33	-
Totals			223	4

Born: Ripon. 16-12-69  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 83kg

Grayson is capable of turning in good performances in a number of positions. His versatility allows him to be effective both in defence and midfield.

## SIMON GRAYSON

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## RICCARDO SCIMECA

Born: Leamington. 13-6-75  
Height: 1.85m Weight: 80kg

Scimeca is a superbly versatile player. He played in defence and midfield for Villa last season as well as appearing for England B.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
95/96-97/98	Aston Villa	P	55	-

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
92/93-93/94	Port Vale	2	83	28
94/95	Sheff W	P	14	1
Dec 94-97/98	Aston Villa	P	113	12
Totals			210	41

Born: Birmingham. 4-6-68  
Height: 1.85m Weight: 76kg

Taylor is one of the hardest-working midfielders in the Premier League. He covers an enormous amount of ground in the Villa midfield.

## IAN TAYLOR

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## MARK DRAPER

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
88/89-89/90	Notts Co	3	54	6
90/91	Notts Co	2	45	9
91/92-93/94	Notts Co	1	123	25
94/95	Leicester C	P	39	5
95/96-97/98	Aston Villa	P	96	5
Totals			357	50

Born: Derby, 11-11-70  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 70kg

Draper is a clever and persistent midfielder. His frequent attacking raids on the opposition's penalty area are one of Villa's deadliest weapons.

Born: Newcastle, 22-12-73  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 78kg

A tireless worker for the team, Thompson's skills are more than welcome in the Villa side. More than capable goalscorer, especially from long range.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
90/91-91/92	Newcastle	2	14	-
92/93	Newcastle	1	2	-
93/94-94/95	Bolton W	1	64	13
95/96	Bolton W	P	26	1
96/97	Bolton W	1	34	10
97/98	Bolton W	P	33	9
Totals			173	33

## ALAN THOMPSON



## LEE HENDRIE

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
93/94-97/98	Aston Villa	P	24	3

Born: Birmingham, 18-5-77  
Height: 1.79m Weight: 65kg

Hendrie made fantastic progress last season. His excellent attacking play from midfield brought him deserved England B honours.

Born: Fano, I, 24-5-79  
Height: 1.75m Weight: 71kg

Ferrerasi is a highly rated Italian U18 international midfielder. Villa boss John Gregory sees the young Italian as an excellent prospect.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
97/98	Cesena, I	CI	-	-

## FABIO FERRERASI



## STAN COLLYMORE

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
90/91-91/92	Crystal P	1	18	1
92/93	Crystal P	2	-	-
92/93	Southend	1	30	15
93/94	Nott'm F	1	28	19
94/95	Nott'm F	P	37	22
95/96-96/97	Liverpool	P	61	26
97/98	Aston Villa	P	25	6
Totals			201	89

Born: Stone, 22-1-71  
Height: 1.88m Weight: 89kg

Collymore is one of the country's most naturally talented footballers. His individual skills can instantly turn a game in Villa's favour.

Born: London, 20-3-68  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 74kg

Merson had arguably his best season in football last term. His outstanding form for Boro in Division One kept him in Glenn Hoddle's England squad.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
85/86-86/87	Arsenal	1	7	3
86/87	Brentford (L)	3	7	-
87/88-89/92	Arsenal	1	160	47
92/93-96/97	Arsenal	P	160	28
97/98	Middlesborough	1	45	12
Totals			379	90

## PAUL MERSON



## JULIAN JOACHIM

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
92/93-93/94	Leicester C	1	62	28
94/95	Leicester C	P	15	3
95/96	Leicester C	1	22	1
Feb 96-97/98	Aston Villa	P	52	12
Totals			151	37

Born: Peterborough, 20-9-74  
Height: 1.68m Weight: 74kg

Joachim enjoyed a lengthy run in the Villa team last season. Using his pace to great effect he scored eight league goals.

Born: Birmingham, 13-6-80  
Height: 1.76m Weight: 76kg

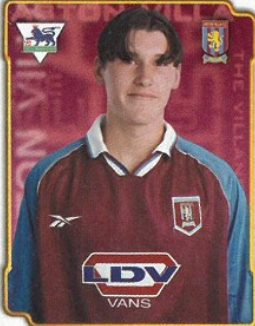
Vassell is a powerful forward with superb ball skills. Only 18 years old, he's tipped to become a future Villa star.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
97/98	Aston Villa	P	-	-

## DARIUS VASELL







## GARETH BARRY

Season 97/98 Club Aston Villa Div Apps Gls P 2 -

Born: Hastings, 23-2-81 Height: 1.83m Weight: 79kg

Barry is a superb defensive talent. Still in his teens he looks comfortable and assured in the Premier League and has a great future.

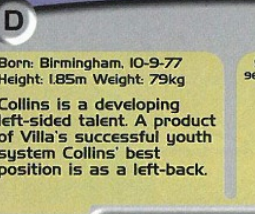


## DAVID HUGHES

Season 96/97-97/98 Club Aston Villa Div Apps Gls P 7 -

Born: Wrexham, 1-2-78 Height: 1.94m Weight: 85kg

Hughes provides excellent cover for Villa's accomplished defence. The tall central defender is already a Welsh B international.



## LEE COLLINS

Season 96/97-97/98 Club Aston Villa Div Apps Gls P - -

Born: Birmingham, 10-9-77 Height: 1.85m Weight: 79kg

Collins is a developing left-sided talent. A product of Villa's successful youth system Collins' best position is as a left-back.



Born: Birmingham, 29-9-76 Height: 1.80m Weight: 75kg

Season 93/94-97/98 Club Aston Villa Div Apps Gls P 7 -

Byfield is another of Villa's talented youngsters. A prolific striker at youth and reserve level he broke into the first team during Christmas last season.

## DARREN BYFIELD



**Fans' Favourite**  
**Ian Taylor**

Dribble Success

74%

Pass Completion

80%

Tackles Won

60%

Shots on Target

36%

Position: Midfielder

97/98 League Record:  
32 APPS/6 GOALS



## 1997/98 Performance Analysis

Team Performance

Leading Player

Shots On Target

Rank

519 10

Shots On Target

40% 2=

Taylor

20

Pass Completion

75% 4

Wright

1412

Tackles Won

58% 19=

Taylor

81

Dribble Success

78% 3=

Joachim

73

Cross Completion

28% 11=

Draper

21



## Goalscorers Top Ten

\*Player still with club

Yorke

60

Saunders

37

Milosevic

28

Atkinson

22

Johnson

13

Joachim\*

12

Parker

12

Staunton

12

Ehiogu\*

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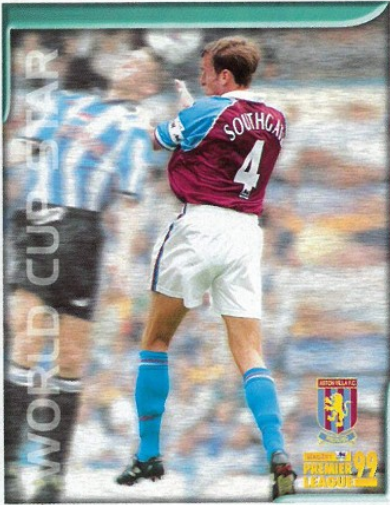
Townsend

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# 1998 World Cup Star

Gareth Southgate



Dribble Success

100%

Tackles Won

100%

Short Pass Success

77%

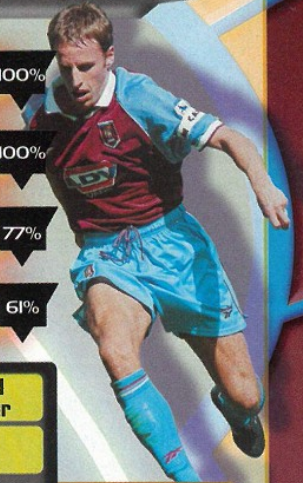
Long Pass Success

61%



Country: England  
Position: Defender

Mins on Pitch: 139  
Goals Scored: 0



Key Player  
Mark Draper

Position: Midfielder

97/98 League Record:  
31 APPS/3 GOALS

29% 88% 27% 80%

Shots on Target

Dribble Success

Cross Completion

Pass Completion



Hotshot



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# Blackburn

## Rovers

Blackburn's ambitious squad is hungry for success this season. Under the management of Roy Hodgson, Rovers' shrewd transfer dealings have built a strong squad capable of competing at the top of the table. With a mouth-watering front-line on top form Rovers are aiming to make a serious challenge for silverware this season.

### MERLIN'S Guide to Ewood Park

#### HOW TO GET BY CAR

From the North and South: Exit M6 at Junction 31 onto A59/A677 towards Blackburn. After one and a half miles the road splits. Keep to the A677. After approximately five miles turn right at the mini roundabout into Billinge Lane and pass straight through one set of traffic lights. After one mile you reach a second set of traffic lights, bear right onto A666 for 400 yards. Ewood Park is on your left.

#### Manager Roy Hodgson

OFFICIAL WEBSITE  
<http://www.rovers.co.uk>

#### ESSENTIAL NUMBERS

Club Number: 01254 698888  
Tickets: 0321 10 10 10 (Freephone)  
Credit Card  
Bookings: 0321 10 10 10 (Freephone)  
Club Call: 0891 12 11 79\*

\* Calls cost 50p per minute at all times  
Obtain permission from the bill-payer before calling

### Team Kits

#### Away Kit

Yellow shirts with royal blue collars and trim.  
royal blue shorts with yellow trim, yellow socks with royal blue tops.



#### Home Kit

Royal blue and white halved shirts with royal blue collars, white shorts, royal blue socks with white trim.



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Kit Manufacturer

**uhlsport**

**Stadium Address**  
Ewood Park, Blackburn,  
Lancashire, BB2 4JF

**Nearest Train Station**  
Blackburn Railway Station

**Pitch Size** 105 x 66m

**Family Enclosure**  
Blackburn End Stand, Upper Tier

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**Ground Capacity:** 31,367

**Away Supporters**  
Seats available at Darwen End

**Disabled** There are spaces for 280 wheelchairs and helpers located in row 1 of each stand



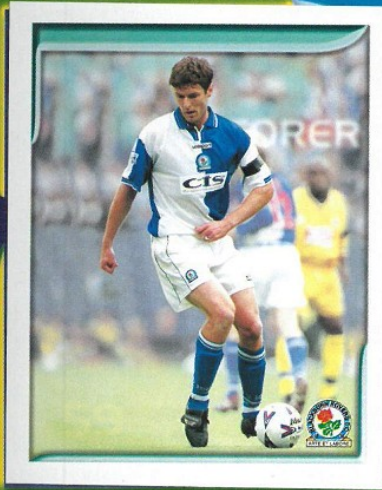
### Fixtures

home	away
Leeds United January 9th	Derby County January 16th
Tottenham Hotspur January 30th	Aston Villa February 6th
Sheffield Wednesday February 20th	Chelsea February 13th
Everton March 6th	West Ham United February 27th
Wimbledon March 20th	Coventry City March 13th
Middlesbrough April 3rd	Arsenal April 6th
Manchester United April 10th	Southampton April 17th
Liverpool April 24th	Charlton Athletic May 1st
Nottingham Forest May 8th	Newcastle United May 16th





# 1997-98 Season Goalscorers



Croft  
Hendry  
McKinlay  
Andersson  
Bohinen  
Ripley  
Wilcox  
Duff  
Dahlin  
Sherwood  
Gallacher  
Sutton



## Top Scorer CHRIS SUTTON

Back to his goalscoring best, Rovers' top scorer was also joint top scorer in the Premier League. Sutton's magnificent tally of 18 league goals included two hat-tricks.

## When the goals were scored



Charity Shield  
Winners  
1912



FA Cup Winners  
1884, 1885, 1886,  
1890, 1891, 1928



League Champions  
1911/12, 1913/14,  
1994/95



## BLACKBURN ROVERS



## Premier League Record



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## TIM FLOWERS

Born: Kenilworth, 3-2-67  
Height: 1.88m Weight: 89kg

Flowers forced his way back into the England squad last season proving that he is one of the Premier League's top goalkeepers.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
84/85	Wolves	2	38	-
85/86	Wolves	3	25	-
86/87	Southampton (L)	1	1	-
86/87	Southampton	1	9	-
87/88	Swindon (L)	3	2	-
87/88	Southampton	1	9	-
87/88	Swindon (L)	2	5	-
88/89-91/92	Southampton	1	120	-
92/93-93/94	Southampton	P	54	-
Nov 93-97/98	Blackburn	P	166	-
Totals			428	-

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
88/89-91/92	Southampton	1	15	-
92/93-94/95	Southampton	P	98	4
Mar 95-97/98	Blackburn	P	15	2
Totals			229	6

## JEFF KENNA

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Born: Dublin, IRL, 27-8-70  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 74kg

The Irish international is an excellent passer and crosser of the ball. Kenna is industrious and capable of playing in either full-back berth.

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## CALLUM DAVIDSON

Born: Stirling, 25-6-76  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 70kg

Davidson is a Scottish U21 international defender with lots of promise. He's a left-sided full-back with lots of pace.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
94/95-95/96	St Johnstone	1	9	1
96/97-97/98	St Johnstone	SP	35	3
97/98	Blackburn	P	1	-
Totals			45	4

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
84/85-86/87	Newport	3	23	-
87/88	Newport	4	5	-
88/89-90/91	Hereford	4	59	4
Dec 90-91/92	QPR	1	58	1
92/93-93/94	QPR	P	60	5
Mar 94-97/98	Newcastle	P	133	2
Totals			346	12

## DARREN PEACOCK

D



Born: Bristol, 3-2-68  
Height: 1.88m Weight: 79kg

Peacock is an accomplished defender with bags of experience. He reads the game very well and is comfortable carrying the ball out of defence.

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## STEPHANE HENCHOZ

Born: Billens, CH, 7-9-74  
Height: 1.86m Weight: 78kg

Henchoz emerged as one of the Premier League's brightest defensive talents last season. He's quick and powerful as well as being a tough competitor.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
92/93-94/95	Neuchâtel X, CH	1	31	1
95/96-96/97	Hamburger SV, D	1	48	2
97/98	Blackburn	P	36	-
Totals			175	3

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
90/91-95/96	Dundee U	SP	141	18
96/97-97/98	Derby Co	P	66	4
Totals			207	22

## CHRISTIAN DAILLY

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Born: Dundee, 23-10-73  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 68kg

Dailly's outstanding defensive performances have made him a regular in the Scotland team. He's a well organised defender who plays with style.

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## TIM SHERWOOD

Born: St Albans, 6-2-69  
Height: 1.86m Weight: 72kg

Sherwood is a determined and effective midfielder. He's very dependable and more than happy to dig in when his team needs him.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
86/87-87/88	Watford	1	13	-
88/89	Watford	2	19	2
89/90-91/92	Norwich	1	71	10
Feb 92	Blackburn	2	11	-
92/93-97/98	Blackburn	P	286	22
Totals			330	34

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
91/92	Man City	1	-	-
91/92	Bury (L)	3	12	-
92/93-95/96	Man City	P	115	13
95/96-97/98	Blackburn	P	64	3
Totals			191	16

## GARRY FLITCROFT

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Born: Bolton, 6-11-72  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 73kg

Flitcroft is a key part of Blackburn's engine room. He's a tireless worker and his distribution of the ball is first class.







## JASON WILCOX

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
89/90-91/92	Blackburn	2	57	4
92/93-97/98	Blackburn	P	161	24
<b>Totals</b>			<b>218</b>	<b>28</b>

Born: Bolton, 15-7-71  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 73kg

Wilcox is one of the club's most talented players. He has an excellent first touch and supplies dangerous swinging crosses from his left-wing or wing-back role.

Born: Ballyboden, IRL 2-3-79  
Height: 1.79m Weight: 65kg

The tricky Irishman made a massive impact on Blackburn fans last season. Duff's speed on the wing and dancing feet allow him to beat people with ease.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
95/96-97/98	Blackburn	P	27	4

## DAMIEN DUFF



## SEBASTIEN PEREZ

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
93/94-95/96	St. Etienne, F	I	55	2
96/97-97/98	Bastia, F	I	63	10
<b>Totals</b>			<b>118</b>	<b>12</b>

Born: St Chamond, F, 24-11-73  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 73kg

The exciting Frenchman is an attacking midfielder who loves to push forward down the right. He is very highly rated and has a good goalscoring record.

Born: Glasgow, 22-4-69  
Height: 1.75m Weight: 63kg

McKinlay loves nothing more than getting stuck in. The Scottish international has an exciting combative style and a wholly determined attitude.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
86/87-95/96	Dundee U		222	23
95/96-97/98	Blackburn	P	74	3
<b>Totals</b>			<b>296</b>	<b>26</b>

## BILLY MCKINLAY



## KEVIN GALLACHER

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
83/84-89/90	Dundee U	SP	131	27
Jan 90-91/92	Coventry	I	80	22
92/93	Coventry	P	20	6
Mar 93-97/98	Blackburn	P	123	41
<b>Totals</b>			<b>354</b>	<b>96</b>

Born: Clydebank, 23-11-66  
Height: 1.70m Weight: 71kg

Gallacher's form was absolutely sensational last season. His intelligent forward play makes him the ideal foil for a natural goalscorer.

Born: Nottingham, 10-3-73  
Height: 1.91m Weight: 77kg

Sutton is in great goalscoring form. He worked tirelessly for his tally of 18 league goals last season.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
90/91-91/92	Norwich	I	23	2
92/93-93/94	Norwich	P	79	33
94/95-97/98	Blackburn	P	116	44
<b>Totals</b>			<b>218</b>	<b>79</b>

## CHRIS SUTTON



## KEVIN DAVIES

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
93/94-94/95	Chesterfield	3	65	15
95/96-96/97	Chesterfield	2	64	7
96/97-97/98	Southampton	P	25	9
<b>Totals</b>			<b>154</b>	<b>31</b>

Born: Sheffield, 26-3-77  
Height: 1.85m Weight: 85kg

Davies is a Premier League star in the making. His strength and wonderful composure make him a truly dangerous striker.

Born: Uddevalla, S, 16-4-68  
Height: 1.84m Weight: 84kg

The Sweden international was unlucky with injuries last season. Despite his misfortune Dahlin still made 21 appearances contributing four valuable goals.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
1985-1986	Lunds BK, S	3	30	7
1987-1991	Malmö FF, S	A	87	45
91/92-96/97	B M'gladbach, D	BU	124	59
97/98	Blackburn	P	21	4
<b>Totals</b>			<b>262</b>	<b>115</b>

## MARTIN DAHLIN







## JOHN FILAN

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
92/93	Cambridge	P	62	-
93/94-94/95	Nott'm F. (L)	P	-	-
94/95	Coventry	P	16	-
97/98	Blackburn	P	7	-
<b>Totals</b>			<b>91</b>	<b>-</b>

Born: Sydney, AUS. 8-2-70  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 80kg

Filan is an Australian goalkeeper with an assured nature. He's calm under pressure and rallies his defenders when the going gets tough.



Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
94/95-96/97	Blackburn	P	-	-
96/97	Swindon (L)	P	12	1
97/98	Blackburn	P	4	-
<b>Totals</b>			<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>

Born: Birmingham, 28-11-77  
Height: 1.84m Weight: 82kg

Broomes is widely tipped to become Blackburn's next international defender. The youngster already has England U21 caps to his name.

## MARLON BROOMES

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## GARY CROFT

Born: Stafford, 17-2-74  
Height: 1.76m Weight: 74kg

Croft was one of Blackburn's unsung heroes last season. Operating on the right side of the defence he offered an effective attacking outlet.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
90/91	Grimsby	3	1	-
91/92	Grimsby	2	-	-
92/93-95/96	Grimsby	P	148	3
95/96-97/98	Blackburn	P	28	1
<b>Totals</b>			<b>177</b>	<b>4</b>



Born: Tomellia, S. 15-3-74  
Height: 1.85m Weight: 73kg

Andersson played under current Rovers boss Roy Hodgson at Malmo. The Swedish international is adapting well to life in the Premier League.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
1991-96/97	Malmo FF, S	1	90	12
97/98	Blackburn	P	4	-
<b>Totals</b>			<b>94</b>	<b>12</b>

## ANDERS ANDERSSON

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## Fans' Favourite Chris Sutton

Shots on Target

48%

Dribble Success

56%

Cross Completion

24%

Pass Completion

65%

Position: Forward

97/98 League Record:  
35 APPS/18 GOALS



## 1997/98 Performance Analysis

Team Performance

Leading Player

Shots On Target

Rank

561 5=

Shots On Target

40% 2=

Sutton

64

Pass Completion

72% 7=

Kenna

1231

Tackles Won

62% 10=

Henchoz

93

Dribble Success

75% 8=

Duff

88

Cross Completion

32% 3=

Duff

37



## Goalscorers Top Ten

\*Player still with club

Shearer

112

Sutton\*

44

Gallacher\*

41

Wilcox\*

24

Newell

22

Sherwood\*

22

Ripley

13

Atkins

12

Hendry

8

Fenton/Le Saux

7



# 1998 World Cup Star

Kevin Gallacher



Shots on Target

50%

Dribble Success

25%

Cross Completion

20%

Pass Completion

64%



Country: Scotland  
Position: Forward

Mins on Pitch: 270  
Goals Scored: 0



Key Player  
Tim Sherwood

Position: Midfielder

97/98 League Record:  
31 APPS/5 GOALS

38%

73%

32%

81%

Shots on Target

Dribble Success

Cross Completion

Pass Completion



Hotshot



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# Charlton

## Athletic

Early form has indicated that Charlton are more than capable of maintaining their Premiership status. The strong bond between the players has created a competitive team unit and the addition of Neil Redfearn has brought vital top-flight experience to the Valley. Alan Curbishley's Charlton side now have the confidence needed to face the league's top sides.

### MERLIN'S Guide to The Valley

#### HOW TO GET THERE BY CAR

From all directions join the M25. Exit Junction 2 of the M25 then take A2 London bound until road becomes A102 (M). Take the Woolwich Ferry turn-off (third exit) towards Woolwich and Thames Barrier and The Valley is approximately one mile on the right.

### Manager

Alan Curbishley

#### OFFICIAL WEBSITE

<http://www.charlton-athletic.co.uk>

#### ESSENTIAL NUMBERS

Club Number: 0181 333 4000  
 Tickets: 0181 333 4010  
 Credit Card Bookings: 0181 333 4010  
 Recorded Info: 0891 10 11 46\*  
 Club Call: 0891 12 11 46\*

\* Calls cost 50p per minute at all times  
 Obtain permission from the bill-payer before calling

### Team Kits

#### Away Kit

Ecu shirts with black collars, black shorts with ecru trim, black socks.



#### Home Kit

Red shirts with white collars, white shorts with red trim, red socks with white trim.



#### Sponsor

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#### Kit Manufacturer



**Stadium Address**  
 The Valley, Floyd Road,  
 London, SE7 8BL

**Nearest Train Station**  
 Charlton

Pitch Size 101 x 67m

Family Stand sponsored by



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Peninsular Park,  
 Bugsby's Way, Charlton,  
 London SE7

**Family Enclosure**

West Stand, Lower Tier.

**Ground Capacity: 20,043**

**Away Supporters**

Jimmy Seed Stand (South Stand)

**Disabled Facilities** for disabled supporters are located in the East Stand and the West Stand.



### Fixtures

home

away

Newcastle United	January 16th
Manchester United	January 30th
Wimbledon	February 6th
Liverpool	February 13th
Nottingham Forest	February 27th
Tottenham Hotspur	March 20th
Chelsea	April 3rd
Leeds United	April 17th
Blackburn Rovers	May 1st
Sheffield Wednesday	May 16th

Southampton	January 9th
Derby County	February 20th
Coventry City	March 6th
Leicester City	March 13th
West Ham United	April 5th
Middlesbrough	April 10th
Everton	April 24th
Aston Villa	May 8th

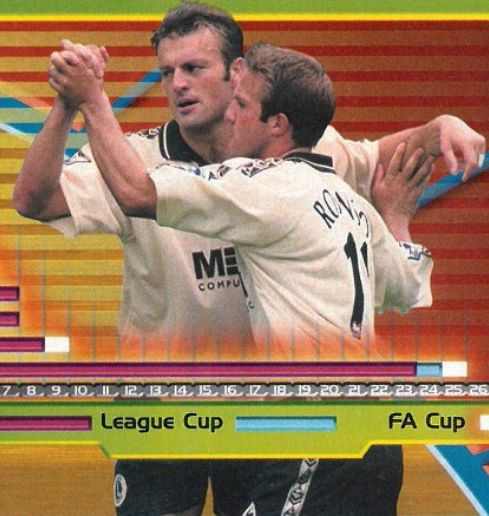




# 1997-98 Season Goalscorers



Others  
Barness  
Allen  
Brown  
Mortimer  
Chapple  
Leaburn  
K. Jones  
Newton  
Kinsella  
S. Jones  
Bright  
Robinson  
Mendonca



## Top Scorer CLIVE MENDONCA

Charlton's leading scorer last season notched up an impressive 23 league goals. Mendonca's deadly finishing also netted the striker a hat-trick in the Division I play-off final.

## When the goals were scored



FA Cup Winners  
1947



League Best  
Position  
Runners-up.  
1936/37



## CHARLTON ATHLETIC



## Premier League Record



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## SASA ILIC

Born: Melbourne, AUS 18-7-72  
Height: 1.93m Weight: 90kg

Illic was one of Charlton's heroes last season. After breaking into the side he set a club record by successfully keeping nine consecutive clean sheets.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
Oct 97	Charlton	I	14	-

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
94/95	Norwich City	P	-	-
95/96-97/98	Norwich City	I	66	-
97/98	Charlton	I	9	1
Totals			75	1

Born: Norwich, 18-5-77  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 75kg

Mills' mature and assured style of defending makes him a tough competitor. Playing as a full-back or centre-back he has a great future.

## DANNY MILLS

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## CHRIS POWELL

Born: Lambeth, 8-9-69  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 73kg

Powell is a very experienced left-sided defender. He reads the game superbly and is more than capable of attacking as well as defending.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
87/88-88/89	Crystal P	2	3	-
89/90	Crystal P	1	-	-
89/90	Aldershot (L)	4	11	-
90/91	Southend	3	45	1
91/92	Southend	2	44	-
92/93-95/96	Southend	1	159	2
Jan 96	Derby Co	1	19	-
96/97-97/98	Derby Co	P	73	1
Totals			354	4

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
93/94-97/98	Charlton	I	145	-

Born: Lewisham, 12-1-75  
Height: 1.85m Weight: 66kg

Rufus is the strapping mainstay of Charlton's defence. He's a strong and powerful centre-back who's got fantastic pace over most distances.

## RICHARD RUFUS

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## EDDIE YOUDS

Born: Liverpool, 3-5-70  
Height: 1.85m Weight: 84kg

Youds is a strong competitor and a defensive rock at centre-back. He plays the game sensibly, comfortably and very effectively.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
88/89-89/90	Everton	1	3	-
Dec 89	Cardiff C (L)	3	1	-
89/90	Wrexham (L)	4	20	2
90/91-91/92	Everton	1	8	-
Nov 91	Ipswich	2	1	-
92/93-94/95	Ipswich	P	49	1
94/95-95/96	Bradford	2	47	7
96/97-97/98	Bradford	1	38	1
97/98	Charlton	1	8	-
Totals			172	11

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
81/82-86/87	Tottenham	I	17	2
87/88-91/92	Norwich	I	170	14
92/93-95/96	Norwich	P	150	10
96/97	West Ham	P	17	1
Sep 97	Charlton	I	36	-
Totals			390	27

Born: Neath, 7-12-63  
Height: 1.73m Weight: 76kg

Bowen is a vastly experienced defender capable of operating in either full-back berth. He's more than happy to lend himself to an attack.

## MARK BOWEN

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## NEIL REDFEARN

Born: Dewsbury, 20-6-65  
Height: 1.74m Weight: 76kg

Redfearn's tremendous goalscoring exploits from midfield make him a really valuable asset. He works very hard and plays with intelligence and power.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
82/83	Bolton W	2	10	-
83/84	Bolton W	3	25	1
83/84-85/86	Lincoln	3	100	13
86/87	Doncaster	3	46	14
87/88-88/89	Crystal P	2	57	10
88/89-89/90	Wattford	2	24	3
89/90-90/91	Oldham	2	62	16
91/92	Barnsley	2	36	4
92/93-97/98	Barnsley	1	256	67
Totals			616	128

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
92/93-97/98	Charlton	I	172	15

Born: Camberwell, 20-8-75  
Height: 1.73m Weight: 70kg

Newton possesses incredible speed on the ball and loves to get down the right wing. He's got plenty of skill and likes to contribute goals.

## SHAUN NEWTON

M







## MARK KINSELLA

M

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
89/90	Colchester Utd	4	6	-
90/91-92/93	Colchester Utd	3	174	27
93/94-95/96	Colchester Utd	3	174	27
96/97-97/98	Charlton	1	63	12
Totals			263	39

Born: Dublin, IRL, 12-8-72  
Height: 1.75m Weight: 72kg

Kinsella was an ever-present in Charlton's successful promotion season. A confident passer of the ball who often chips in with spectacular goals.



Born: Bulawayo, ZIM, 29-8-71  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 71kg

Robinson banged in eight important goals from his left-wing position last season. He's a Welsh international and a superb crosser of the ball.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
89/90-92/93	Brighton	2	62	6
92/93-97/98	Charlton	1	187	23
Totals			249	29

## JOHN ROBINSON

M



## KEITH JONES

M

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
82/83-83/84	Chelsea	2	2	-
84/85-87/88	Chelsea	1	50	7
Sep 87-91/92	Brentford	3	169	8
91/92	Southend	2	34	5
92/93-94/95	Southend	1	56	6
94/95-97/98	Charlton	1	119	4
Totals			430	35

Born: Dulwich, 14-10-65  
Height: 1.75m Weight: 68kg

Jones is Charlton's combative force at the heart of the team. He played all but two games last season and is a determined performer in midfield.



Born: Luton, 1-8-69  
Height: 1.70m Weight: 67kg

Holmes is a tricky left-sided midfielder who's been very unlucky with injuries. He's got a great first touch and likes to take people on.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
88/89	Bournemouth	2	4	1
88/89	Cardiff C. (I)	3	1	-
89/90	Bournemouth	2	22	2
90/91-91/92	Bournemouth	3	88	5
92/93	West Ham	1	18	-
93/94-94/95	West Ham	P	58	4
95/96-96/97	Blackburn	P	9	1
97/98	Charlton	1	16	1
Totals			216	14

## MATT HOLMES

M



## ANDY HUNT

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Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
90/91-91/92	Newcastle	2	43	11
92/93	Newcastle	1	-	-
92/93	WBA (L)	2	10	9
93/94-97/98	WBA	1	202	67
Totals			255	87

Born: Thurrock, 9-6-70  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 71kg

Hunt was lured to the Valley by the temptation of first-team Premier League football. He is a consistent goalscorer just coming into his striking prime.



Born: Islington, 9-9-68  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 80kg

Mendonca is Charlton's goal machine. He notched an impressive tally of 23 league strikes last season and has excellent prowess in front of goal.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
86/87-87/88	Sheffield U	2	13	4
87/88	Doncaster R. (L)	3	2	-
87/88	Rotherham	3	8	2
88/89	Rotherham	4	10	1
89/90-90/91	Rotherham	3	66	24
91/92	Sheffield U	1	10	1
91/92	Grimsby (L)	2	10	3
92/93-96/97	Grimsby	1	156	56
97/98	Charlton	1	40	23
Totals			315	114

## CLIVE MENDONCA

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## MARK BRIGHT

F

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
81/82-82/83	Port Vale	4	3	1
83/84	Port Vale	3	26	9
84/85-86/87	Leicester C	1	42	6
Nov 86-88/89	Crystal P	2	112	53
89/90-91/92	Crystal P	1	110	38
92/93	Crystal P	P	5	1
Sep 92-96/97	Sheff W	P	193	48
Dec 96	Millwall (L)	2	3	1
96/97-97/98	Charlton	1	22	9
Totals			456	166

Born: Stoke, 6-6-62  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 83kg

Very experienced striker with over 150 career goals to his name. Bright knocked in seven important goals for the Addicks last season.



Born: Cambridge, 17-3-70  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 76kg

Jones performed to great effect during Charlton's promotion push last season. He claimed an important total of seven goals for the Addicks.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
92/93	West Ham	1	6	2
93/94-94/95	West Ham	P	10	2
94/95-95/96	Bournemouth	2	74	26
95/96-96/97	West Ham	P	8	-
97/98	Charlton	1	23	7
97/98	Bournemouth (L)	2	5	4
Totals			126	41

## STEVE JONES

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## ANDY PETTERSON

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Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
88/89-92/93	Luton T	P	14	-
92/93	Ipswich (L)	P	1	-
93/94	Luton T	P	5	-
94/95	Charlton	P	9	-
Dec 94	Bradford (L)	2	3	-
95/96	Ipswich (L)	P	1	-
95/96	Plymouth (L)	P	6	-
95/96	Colchester Utd (L)	P	3	-
95/96-97/98	Charlton	P	53	-
Totals			97	-

Born: Fremantle, AUS 26-9-69  
Height: 1.88m Weight: 94kg  
Australian-born Petterson is a very experienced goalkeeper. A superb shot-stopper with great reflexes he uses his ample frame to dominate his area.



Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
90/91-91/92	Charlton	P	1	-
92/93-97/98	Charlton	P	141	5
Totals			142	5

Born: Brighton, B-5-72  
Height: 1.85m Weight: 87kg  
Brown is a product of Charlton's youth system. A tall and versatile player who prefers to attack the opposition as a full-back.

## STEVE BROWN

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## ANTHONY BARNES

Born: London, 25-3-72  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 82kg

Barnes is comfortable playing on either side of the Charlton defence. He likes to get forward and can shoot accurately with either foot.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
90/91-92/93	Charlton	P	27	1
Sep 92-93/94	Chelsea	P	2	-
Aug 93	M'boro (L)	P	-	-
94/95-95/96	Chelsea	P	12	-
95/96	Southend (L)	P	5	-
96/97-97/98	Charlton	P	74	3
Totals			120	4



Born: Barking, 15-5-81  
Height: 1.75m Weight: 69kg

Konchesky is the Addicks' brightest prospect. The teenage midfielder is gifted with incredible talent and superb composure way beyond his tender years.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
97/98	Charlton	P	3	-

## PAUL KONCHESKY

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## New Signing Chris Powell

Shots on Target

50%

Dribble Success

83%

Tackles Won

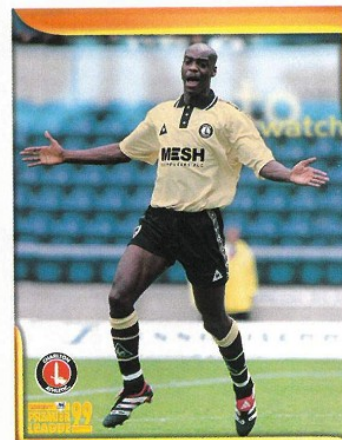
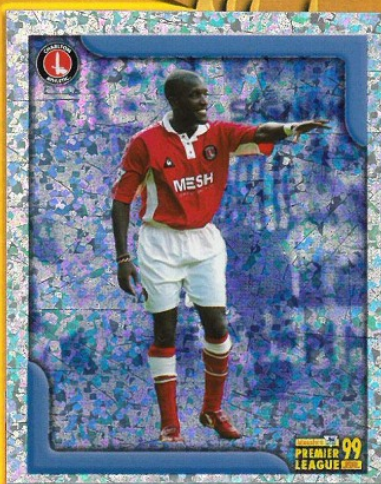
65%

Pass Completion

76%

Position: Defender

97/98 League Record:  
37 APPS/1 GOAL



## 1997/98

### Performance Analysis

Home Performance Away Performance

Unbeaten Run Rank 10 3=

Goals Scored (H) 48 4

Goals Scored (A) 32

Clean Sheets (H) 12 1=

Clean Sheets (A) 9

Goal Diff. (H) 31 3

Goal Diff. (A) 0

Games Won (H) 74% 2=

Games Won (A) 39%

Points Won (H) 56 1=

Points Won (A) 32

## Goalscorers 1992-98

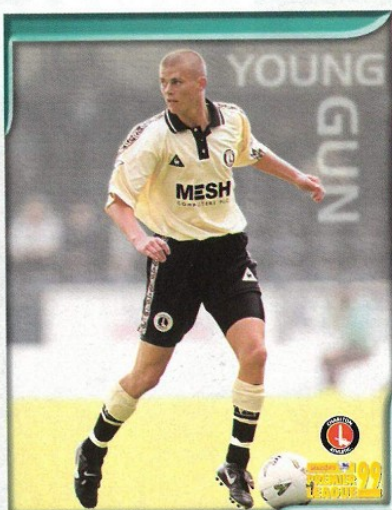
\*Player still with club

Leaburn	38
Nelson	31
Whyte	28
Mendonca*	23
Robinson*	23
Pardew	22
Grant	16
Newton*	15
Chapple	15
Mortimer*	14



## Young Gun

Paul Konchesky



During last season Paul Konchesky became the youngest ever player to make a senior appearance for Charlton Athletic. He was aged just 16 years and 93 days when he made his debut and is widely tipped to become a top player. He's represented England at youth level and is expected to feature more prominently for the Addicks in the future.



Position: Midfielder

97/98 League Record:  
3 APPS/0 GOALS

**Key Player**  
Neil Redfearn

Position: Midfielder

97/98 League Record:  
37 APPS/10 GOALS

42%

66%

65%

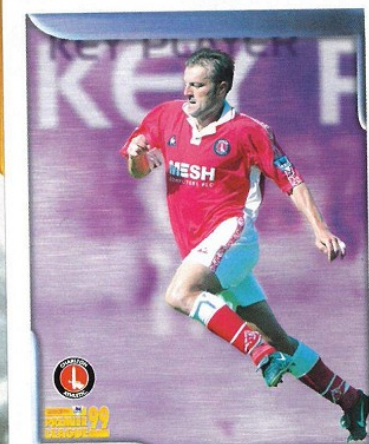
78%

Shots on Target

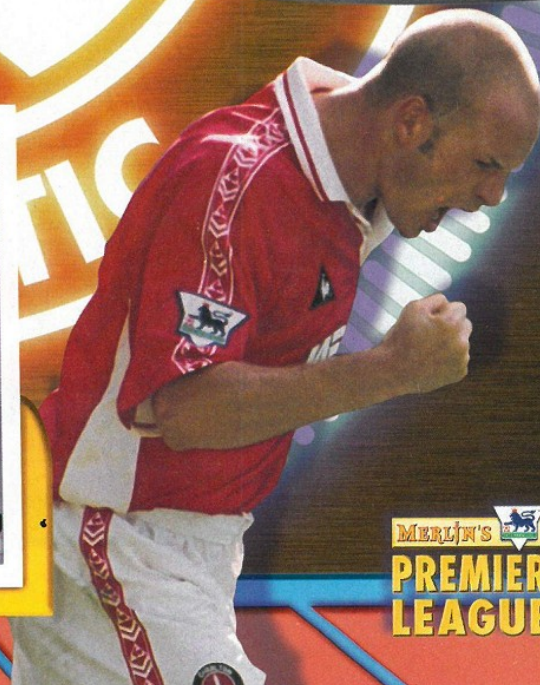
Dribble Success

Tackles Won

Pass Completion



Hotshot



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# Chelsea

Strongly tipped as title challengers, Gianluca Vialli's Chelsea squad contains enough quality to take the Blues to the top of the table. The arrival of Marcel Desailly has brought vital stability to the Blues' defence while the addition of Laudrup and Casiraghi in attack makes Chelsea serious contenders for the Premier League title.

## MERLIN'S Guide to Stamford Bridge

### HOW TO GET THERE BY CAR

From the West and South West. Join the M4 at Junction 15 and at Junction 1 continue along the A4 for 4 miles until it becomes the Cromwell Road. Turn right onto the A3220 Earls Court Road. Follow the A3220 for two miles before turning right onto the A304 Fulham Road. Stamford Bridge is a quarter of a mile along on the right.

### Manager Gianluca Vialli

OFFICIAL WEBSITE  
<http://www.chelseafc.co.uk>

### ESSENTIAL NUMBERS

Club Number: 0171 385 5545  
Tickets: 0171 386 7799  
Junior Club Line: 0171 385 0710  
Credit Card Bookings: 0171 386 7799  
Club Call: 0891 12 11 59\*

\* Calls cost 50p per minute at all times. Obtain permission from the bill-payer before calling.

## Team Kits

### Away Kit

White shirts with royal blue collars and trim, white shorts and socks with royal blue trim.



### Home Kit

Royal blue shirts and shorts with white and yellow trim, white socks with royal blue tops.

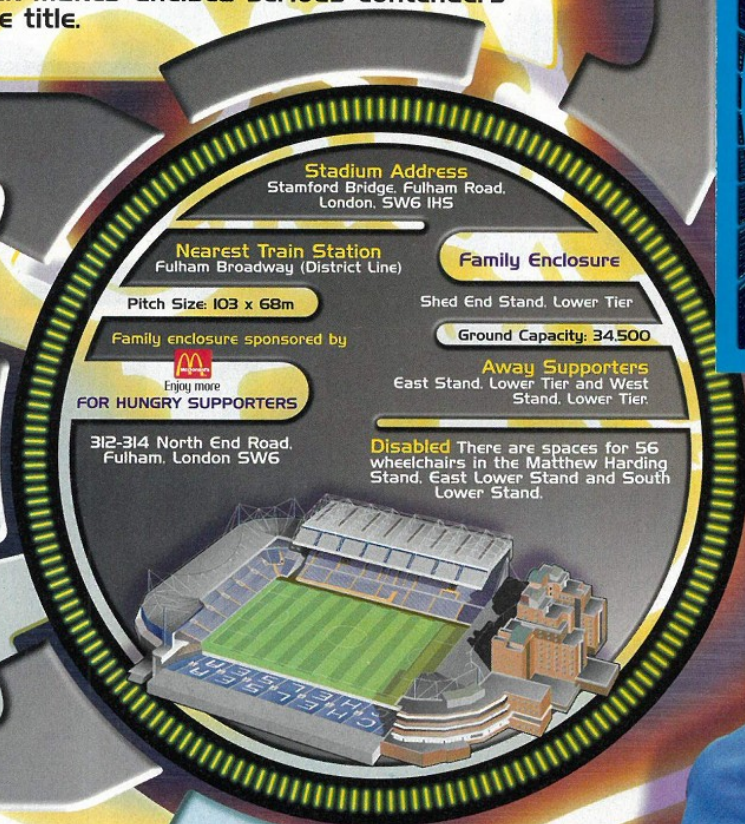


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#### Stadium Address

Stamford Bridge, Fulham Road, London, SW6 1HS

#### Nearest Train Station

Fulham Broadway (District Line)

Pitch Size: 103 x 68m

Family enclosure sponsored by



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312-314 North End Road, Fulham, London SW6

#### Family Enclosure

Shed End Stand, Lower Tier

Ground Capacity: 34,500

#### Away Supporters

East Stand, Lower Tier and West Stand, Lower Tier.

**Disabled** There are spaces for 56 wheelchairs in the Matthew Harding Stand, East Lower Stand and South Lower Stand.



## Fixtures TOGLASS

home

away

	Coventry City
	Southampton
	Blackburn Rovers
	Liverpool
	West Ham United
	Leeds United
	Leicester City
	Everton
	Derby County

	Newcastle United
	Arsenal
	Nottingham Forest
	Middlesbrough
	Aston Villa
	Charlton Athletic
	Wimbledon
	Sheffield Wednesday
	Tottenham Hotspur





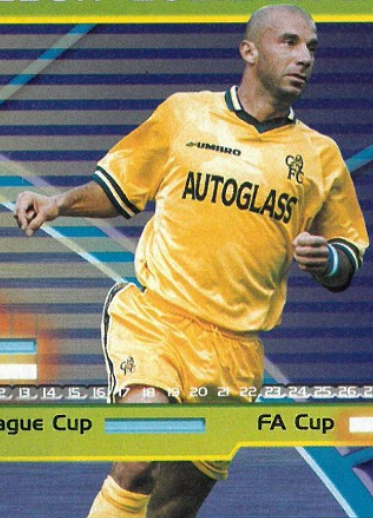
# 1997-98 Season Goalscorers



## Top SCORER TORE ANDRE FLO

Despite fierce competition for first-team places, Flo has emerged as one of Chelsea's leading strikers. His 11 league strikes included an excellent hat-trick against Spurs.

Others  
Morris  
Sinclair  
Nicholls  
Wise  
Le Saux  
Poyet  
Leboeuf  
Petrescu  
Di Matteo  
Zola  
M. Hughes  
Flo  
Vialli



When the goals were scored

first half

Team goals for

second half



first half

Team goals against

second half



European Super Cup Winners 1998



European Cup Winners' Cup Winners 1971, 1998



Charity Shield Winners 1955



League Cup Winners 1965, 1998



FA Cup Winners 1970, 1997



League Champions 1954/55



CHELSEA



## Premier League Record



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## ED DE GOEY

Born: Gouda, NL, 20-12-66  
Height: 1.97m Weight: 76kg

De Goey appeared in almost 75% of Chelsea's league games last season. He cleverly uses his massive frame to command and control those around him.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
85/86-89/90	Sparta P. NL		145	-
90/91-95/96	Feyenoord, NL		201	-
96/97	Feyenoord, NL	I	34	-
97/98	Chelsea	P	28	-
Totals			408	-

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
85/86	S Bucharest, R	A	2	-
86/87	Or. R	A	24	-
87/88-90/91	S Bucharest, R	A	93	27
91/92-92/93	Foggia, I	A	55	7
93/94	Genoa, I	A	-	-
94/95-95/96	Sheff W	P	37	3
Nov 95-97/98	Chelsea	P	89	10
Totals			300	47

Born: Bucharest, R, 22-12-67  
Height: 1.76m Weight: 68kg

Petrescu's form is arguably the best of his career. His consistent performances last season rewarded him with five goals.

## DAN PETRESCU

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## CELESTINE BABAYARO

Born: Nigeria, 28-10-79  
Height: 1.72m Weight: 66kg

The Nigerian's Chelsea career is now in full swing. The talented youngster can play on the left side of defence or midfield with great effect.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
1994	Plateau Utd, NIG		-	-
94/95-96/97	Anderslecht, B	I	75	8
97/98	Chelsea	P	84	8
Totals				

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
86/87	Hyeres, F		14	1
Dec 86-87/88	Meaux, F		39	3
88/89	Laval, F	I	21	-
89/90-90/91	Laval, F	I	2	48
Nov 90-91/92	Strasbourg, F	I	2	48
92/93-95/96	Strasbourg, F	I	141	29
96/97-97/98	Chelsea	P	58	11
Totals			369	74

Born: Marseille, F, 22-1-68  
Height: 1.84m Weight: 76kg

The attack-minded Frenchman is a really solid defender. The World Cup winner is a key member of the Chelsea squad.

## FRANK LEBOEUF

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## MARCEL DESAILLY

Born: Accra, GHA, 7-9-68  
Height: 1.85m Weight: 85kg

Desailly is a world-class defender or midfielder. He's skilful on the ball and plays with intelligence, determination and plenty of power.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
86/87-91/92	Nantes, F	I	164	5
92/93-93/94	Marseille, F	I	46	1
93/94-97/98	AC Milan, I	A	137	5
Totals			347	11

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
87/88	Chelsea	I	-	-
88/89	Chelsea	I	2	1
89/90-91/92	Chelsea	P	1	75
92/93	Chelsea	P	14	-
Mar 93-96/97	Blackburn	P	129	7
97/98	Chelsea	P	26	1
Totals			245	16

Born: Jersey, CI, 17-10-68  
Height: 1.75m Weight: 76kg

Le Saux's stylish attacking play is undoubtedly his best asset. Always willing to get forward, his excellent crosses create plenty of chances.

## GRAEME LE SAUX

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## ALBERT FERRER

Born: Barcelona, E, 6-6-70  
Height: 1.70m Weight: 60kg

Ferrer is a speedy right-sided full-back who's strong in the tackle and aggressive in attack. He's a superb crosser of the ball.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
88/89	Barcelona B, E	2	31	-
89/90	Tenerife, E	I	17	-
90/91-97/98	Barcelona, E	I	180	1
Totals			228	1

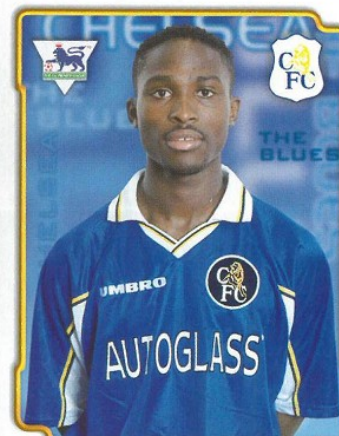
Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
1986-1989	Brondby, DK	I	49	13
89/90	Bayer Uerdingen, D	I	34	6
90/91-91/92	B Munich, D	I	53	11
92/93	Florentina, I	A	31	5
93/94	AC Milan, I	A	9	1
94/95-97/98	Rangers	SP	116	33
Totals			292	69

Born: Vienna, A, 22-2-69  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 83kg

Laudrup's tricky skills make him a very dangerous opponent. He's more than capable of taking people on with his mazy dribbles.

## BRIAN LAUDRUP

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## GUSTAVO POYET

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Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
85/86-87/88	River Plate, ARG	-	-	-
88/89	Grenoble, F	-	-	-
89/90	Bella Vista, ARG	-	-	-
90/91-96/97	R Zaragoza, E	I	239	63
97/98	Chelsea	P	14	4
Totals			253	67

Born: Montevideo, URU, 15-11-67  
Height: 1.87m Weight: 83kg

The gifted Uruguayan's career was interrupted by a serious knee injury last season, but he recovered well and netted four important goals.

Born: Kensington, 16-12-66  
Height: 1.68m Weight: 59kg

Wise is the driving spirit of the Chelsea side. His enthusiasm and energy in the Blues' midfield bring out the best in his colleagues.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
84/85-85/86	Wimbledon	-	2	5
86/87-89/90	Wimbledon	I	180	27
90/91-91/92	Chelsea	I	71	20
92/93-97/98	Chelsea	P	173	26
Totals			373	73

## DENNIS WISE

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## ROBERTO DI MATTEO

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Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
88/89-90/91	Schaffhausen, CH	B	50	2
91/92	Zurich, CH	A	34	6
92/93	Aarau, CH	A	32	1
93/94-95/96	Lazio, I	A	88	7
96/97-97/98	Chelsea	P	64	11
Totals			268	27

Born: Schaffhausen, CH, 29-5-70  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 74kg

Di Matteo supplies flair and creativity as well as hard work. The skilful Italian has the all-round game to trouble defences throughout the league.

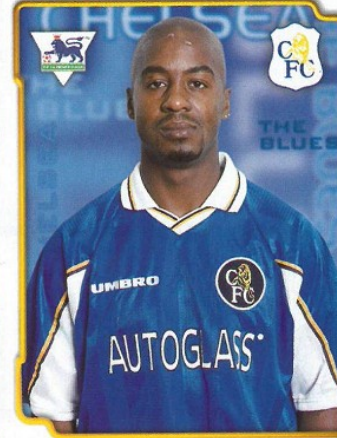
Born: Hammersmith, 13-12-71  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 71kg

Newton is Chelsea's specialist 'holding' player in the midfield. He clears up attacks and works tirelessly to deny the opposition any space.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
90/91	Chelsea	I	1	-
91/92	Cardiff C. (I)	A	18	4
91/92	Chelsea	I	1	1
92/93-97/98	Chelsea	P	128	6
Totals			147	11

## EDDIE NEWTON

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## GIANLUCA VIALLI

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Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
80/81	Cremone, I	C1	2	-
81/82-83/84	Cremone, I	B	103	23
84/85-91/92	Sampdoria, I	A	223	85
92/93-95/96	Juventus, I	A	105	38
96/97-97/98	Chelsea	P	49	20
Totals			482	166

Born: Cremona, I, 9-7-64  
Height: 1.81m Weight: 81kg

The amiable Italian is still an attacking threat as his 11 league goals last season show. His experience is a great asset to the team on and off the pitch.

Born: Monza, I, 4-3-69  
Height: 1.82m Weight: 78kg

Casiraghi is a lethal talent in front of goal. He works hard for his chances and not many defenders manage to stop him.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
85/86	Monza, I	B	12	1
86/87-87/88	Monza, I	C1	55	18
88/89	Monza, I	B	27	9
89/90-92/93	Juventus, I	A	98	20
93/94-97/98	Lazio, I	A	140	41
Totals			332	89

## PIER LUIGI CASIRAGHI

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## TORE ANDRE FLO

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Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
1994	Sogndal IL, N	2	22	5
1995	Tromso IL, N	I	26	18
1996	FK Brann, N	I	27	23
97/98	Chelsea	P	34	11
Totals			109	57

Born: Strin, N, 15-6-73  
Height: 1.86m Weight: 77kg

Flo is a Scandinavian giant with very tidy ball skills and deceptive pace. He's a tremendous threat in the air and deadly in front of goal.

Born: Olina, I, 5-7-66  
Height: 1.68m Weight: 65kg

Zola has outstanding technical ability. He's absolutely deadly from free-kicks and his vision and touch make him a major threat in open play.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
84/85	Nuorese, I	C2	4	-
85/86	Nuorese, I	-	27	10
86/87	Torres, I	C2	30	9
87/88-88/89	Torres, I	C1	58	19
89/90-92/93	Napoli, I	A	105	32
93/94-96/97	Parma, I	A	100	49
96/97-97/98	Chelsea	P	50	16
Totals			374	128

FA Premier League  
Hall of Fame inductee for 1996/97

## GIANFRANCO ZOLA

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## DMITRI KHARINE

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Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
1984-1987	T. Moscow, RU		63	-
1988-1990	D. Moscow, RU		40	-
1991-1992	CSKA Moscow, RU		34	-
92/93-97/98	Chelsea	P	17	-
<b>Totals</b>			<b>254</b>	<b>-</b>

Born: Moscow, RU, 16-8-68  
Height: 1.88m Weight: 78kg

Kharine is an experienced keeper who forced his way back into the Chelsea side towards the end of last season. The athletic Russian is a superb shot-stopper.



Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
93/94-95/96	Chelsea		P 23	-
95/96	Bournemouth (L)		2	7
96/97-97/98	Chelsea	P	38	1
<b>Totals</b>			<b>68</b>	<b>1</b>

Born: Enfield, 14-10-75  
Height: 1.85m Weight: 85kg

Duberry is a sturdy defender who is excellent in the air. He's a tough competitor who looks comfortable at centre-back alongside Frank Leboeuf.

## MICHAEL DUBERRY

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## JODY MORRIS

Born: London, 22-12-78  
Height: 1.66m Weight: 65kg

Morris is another of Chelsea's talented youngsters. The 20-year-old midfielder has superb ball skills, two excellent feet and fantastic vision.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
95/96-97/98	Chelsea		P 25	1



Born: Hillingdon, 30-5-77  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 64kg

Nicholls is a confident young forward more than capable of scoring his share of goals. He's a superb finisher with natural striking instincts.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
95/96-97/98	Chelsea		P 25	3

## MARK NICHOLLS

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## Fans' Favourite Dennis Wise

Dribble Success

76%

Pass Completion

83%

Tackles Won

68%

Shots on Target

44%

Position: Midfielder

97/98 League Record:  
26 APPS/3 GOALS



## 1997/98

### Performance Analysis

Team Performance	Leading Player
	Rank
Shots On Target	563 4
Shots On Target	40% 2=
Zola	34
Pass Completion	77% 2=
Wise	1215
Tackles Won	65% 3=
Leboeuf	68
Dribble Success	73% 10=
Flo	65
Cross Completion	29% 8=
Le Saux	29



## Goalscorers Top Ten

\*Player still with club

Spencer	36
Wise*	26
Hughes M	25
Stein	21
Vialli*	20
Peacock	17
Zola*	16
Furlong	13
Di Matteo*	11
Flo*/Leboeuf*	11



# 1998 World Cup Star

Marcel Desailly



Dribble Success

100%

Tackles Won

73%

Short Pass Success

75%

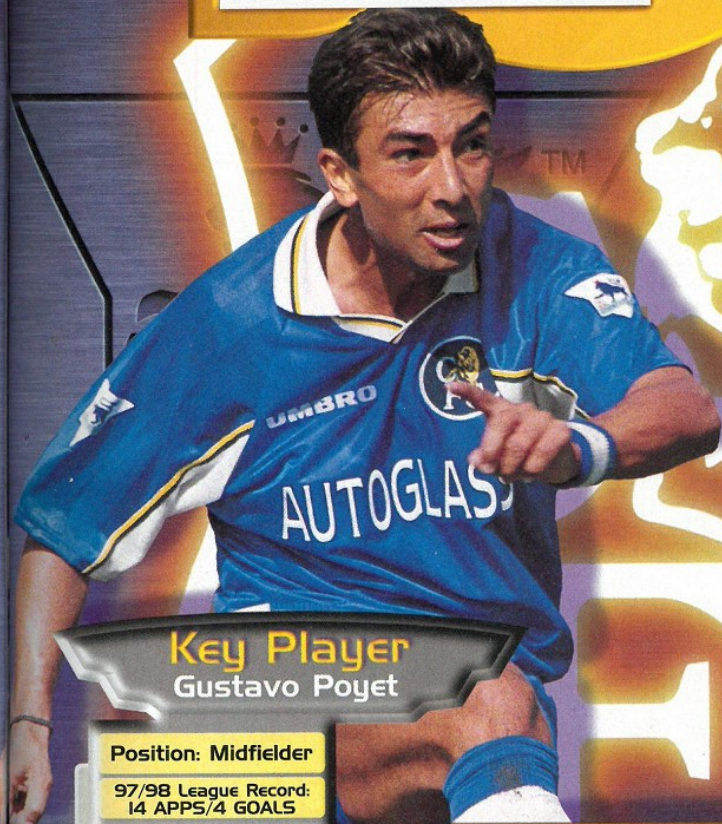
Long Pass Success

73%



Country: France  
Position: Defender

Mins on Pitch: 662  
Goals Scored: 0



**Key Player**  
Gustavo Poyet

Position: Midfielder

97/98 League Record:  
14 APPS/4 GOALS

39% 59% 73% 81%

Shots on Target

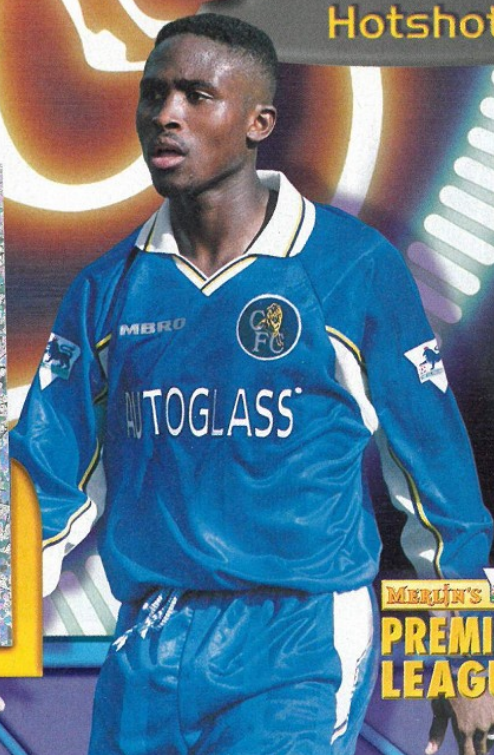
Dribble Success

Tackles Won

Pass Completion



**Hotshot**



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# Coventry City

Under Gordon Strachan's shrewd managerial guidance the Sky Blues have become a serious force in the Premiership. The Huckerby/Dublin partnership up front has developed into a potent attacking force and with the return of Gary McAllister the Coventry midfield is back to full strength. With a strong, balanced squad the Sky Blues will be looking to build on last season's 11th place finish.

## MERLIN'S Guide to Highfield Road

**HOW TO GET THERE BY CAR**  
From the the North, West and East join the A4600 at Junction 2 of the M6. Continue along the A4600 following signs to the centre. This road becomes the Walsgrove Road which turns right into Swan Lane. The ground is ahead on the left.

## Manager Gordon Strachan

**OFFICIAL WEBSITE**  
<http://www.ccfc.co.uk>

### ESSENTIAL NUMBERS

Club Number: 01203 234000  
Tickets: 01203 234020  
Sky Blue Leisure: 01203 234030  
Credit Card Bookings: 01203 578000  
Club Call: 0891 12 11 66\*

\* Calls cost 50p per minute at all times. Obtain permission from the bill-payer before calling

## Team Kits

### Away Kit

Purple and yellow striped shirts with red trim, purple shorts with yellow and red trim, purple socks with yellow tops and trim.



### Home Kit

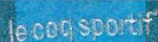
Navy blue and sky blue striped shirts with navy blue and white trim, sky blue shorts with white trim, sky blue socks with navy blue and white trim.



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Highfield Road Stadium,  
King Richard Street, Coventry, CV2 4FW

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West End Stand, Upper Tier

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situated in the Mitchells and  
Butler Stand



## Fixtures

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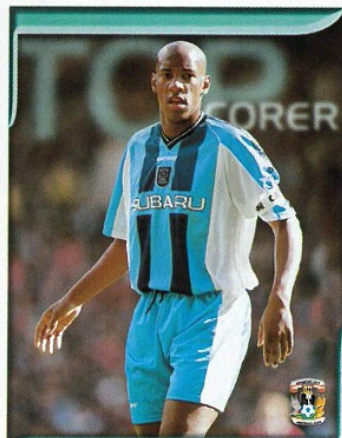
Nottingham Forest	January 9th
Liverpool	January 30th
Manchester United	February 20th
Charlton Athletic	March 6th
Blackburn Rovers	March 13th
Southampton	April 5th
Middlesbrough	April 17th
Wimbledon	May 1st
Leeds United	May 16th

Chelsea	January 16th
Tottenham Hotspur	February 6th
Newcastle United	February 13th
Aston Villa	February 27th
Arsenal	March 20th
Sheffield Wednesday	April 3rd
Everton	April 11th
Leicester City	April 24th
Derby County	May 8th





# 1997-98 Season Goalscorers



## Top Scorer DION DUBLIN

Opening his tally with a hat-trick against Chelsea, Dublin hit the back of the net 18 times last season to become the joint top scorer in the Premier League.

Boateng  
Soltvedt  
Breen  
Haworth  
Hall  
Moldovan  
Salako  
McAllister  
Telfer  
Whelan  
Huckerby  
Dublin

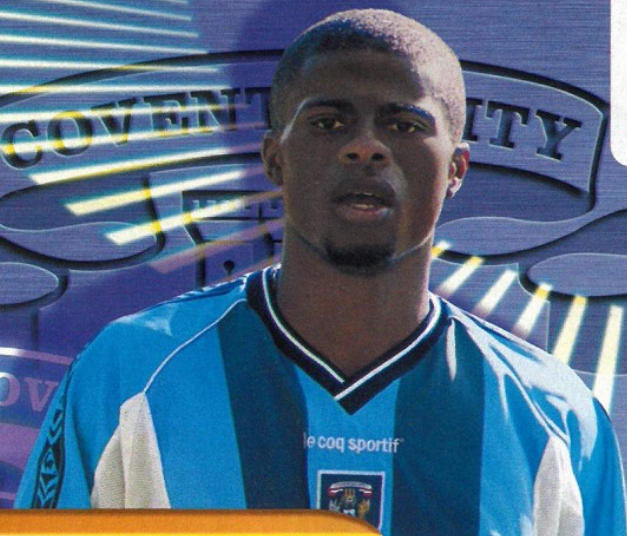


## When the goals were scored

first half Team goals for second half



first half Team goals against second half



FA Cup Winners  
1987



League Best  
Position  
6th, Division I,  
1969/70



## COVENTRY CITY



## Premier League Record

1997-98 11th  
1996-97 17th  
1995-96 16th  
1994-95 16th  
1993-94 11th  
1992-93 15th

MEALIN'S  
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## MAGNUS HEDMAN

Born: Stockholm. 5.19-3-73  
Height: 1.92m Weight: 92kg

The Swedish international goalkeeper laid claim to Coventry's number one shirt last season. Hedman's got superb agility for a man of his size.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
1990-1995	AIK Stockholm	S	A	14
97/98	Coventry	P	14	-
Totals			128	

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
1981-1982	Hborgs IF	S	2	38
1983-1989	Göteborg	S	A	124
89/90	Sheff W	1	20	-
90/91	Sheff W	2	22	-
91/92	Sheff W	1	39	1
92/93	Sheff W	P	32	1
93/94-96/97	Hborgs IF	S	A	74
97/98	Coventry	P	32	-
Totals			381	18

Born: Helsingborg. 5.27-11-63  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 73kg

Nilsson has a massive influence on the Coventry defence. He uses his vast experience to get himself in excellent defensive positions.

## ROLAND NILSSON

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## DAVID BURROWS

Born: Dudley. 25-10-68  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 75kg

Burrows is a very experienced left-sided defender. He's made over 300 career appearances and defends with a calm head and assured play.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
85/86	WBA	1	45	1
86/87-88/89	WBA	2	182	1
Oct 88-91/92	Liverpool	P	34	2
92/93-93/94	Liverpool	P	29	2
Sep 93-94/95	West Ham	P	19	-
94/95	Everton	P	74	-
94/95-97/98	Coventry	P	314	6
Totals				

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
89/90	Derby Co	1	10	1
Nov 89	Lincoln (L)	4	3	-
90/91	Derby Co	1	19	4
91/92	Derby Co	2	41	19
92/93-94/95	Derby Co	1	90	8
95/96-97/98	Coventry	P	84	5
Totals			247	31

Born: Burton. 26-3-71  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 76kg

Williams is a strong and reliable performer for Coventry. He is effective in defence, or midfield when asked and always gives 100%.

## PAUL WILLIAMS

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## RICHARD SHAW

Born: Brentford. 11-9-68  
Height: 1.75m Weight: 73kg

Shaw is a regular member of the Coventry defence. He's a pacy and determined competitor capable of unsettling the opposition.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
86/87-88/89	Crystal P	2	17	-
89/90	Crystal P	1	21	-
89/90	Hull C (L)	2	4	-
90/91-91/92	Crystal P	1	46	1
92/93	Crystal P	1	33	-
93/94	Crystal P	1	34	2
94/95	Crystal P	P	41	-
95/96	Crystal P	1	15	-
Nov 95-97/98	Coventry	P	89	-
Totals			300	3

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
91/92	Maidstone	1	19	-
92/93-93/94	Gillingham	3	31	1
94/95-95/96	Peterboro	2	69	1
95/96-96/97	Birmingham	1	40	2
96/97-97/98	Coventry	P	39	1
Totals			198	4

Born: London. 12-12-73  
Height: 1.92m Weight: 75kg

The rangy central defender's game improved a great deal last season. He was an important part of Coventry's settled defence clocking up 30 appearances.

## GARY BREEN

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## JEAN-GUY WALLEMME

Born: Naubeuge. F.10-8-67  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 80kg

Wallemme is an experienced French defender who joined the Sky Blues during last summer. He can play on the right side of defence or midfield.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
86/87-97/98	Lens	F	1	378
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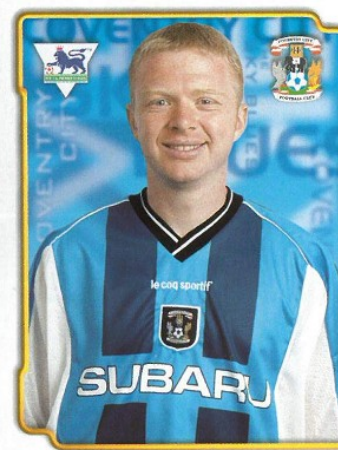
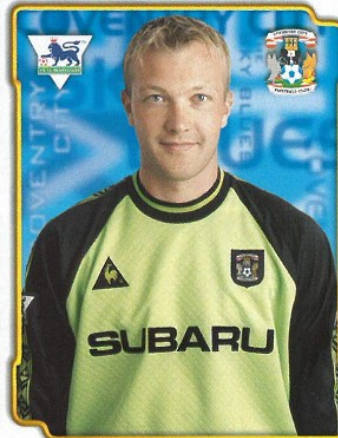
Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
81/82	Motherwell	SL	1	-
82/83-83/84	Motherwell	SP	22	-
84/85	Motherwell	SL	35	-
85/86	Motherwell	SP	1	-
Aug 85-86/87	Leicester C	1	70	17
87/88-88/89	Leicester C	2	131	30
90/91-91/92	Leeds United	1	80	7
92/93-95/96	Leeds United	P	53	24
96/97-97/98	Coventry	P	52	6
Totals			543	90

Born: Motherwell. 25-12-64  
Height: 1.86m Weight: 68kg

The Scotsman is a glorious midfield creator. He's an inspiring leader and a deadly accurate passer of the ball.

## GARY McALLISTER

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## GEORGE BOATENG

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
94/95	Excelsior NL	2	9	-
95/96-97/98	Feijenoord NL	1	68	1
Dec 97	Coventry	P	14	1
Totals			91	2

Born: Accra, GHA. 5-9-75  
Height: 1.75m Weight: 69kg

Boateng made himself a first-team regular towards the end of last season. His clever midfield play feeds Coventry's more than dangerous attack.

Born: Edinburgh. 21-10-71  
Height: 1.75m Weight: 72kg

Telfer's play in Coventry's midfield was a revelation last season. His tireless and determined performances often prove too much for his opponents.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
88/89-94/95	Luton T	1	144	19
95/96-97/98	Coventry	P	98	4
Totals			242	23

## PAUL TELFER



## TROND EGIL SOLTVEDT

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
1990-1991	Viking FK N	1	33	4
1992-1994	SK Brann N	1	64	34
1995-1996	Rosenborg N	1	63	17
97/98	Coventry	P	30	1
Totals			190	56

Born: Voss, N. 15-2-67  
Height: 1.87m Weight: 81kg

Norwegian Soltvedt is an attacking midfielder with a keen eye for goal. His calm and effective presence adds stability to the Coventry side.

Born: Antwerp, B. 22-3-74  
Height: 1.87m Weight: 87kg

The Belgian midfielder was signed last summer after his performances in the World Cup. He's a confident ball-playing midfielder with lots of skill.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
90/95	Beerschot B			
95/96	KRC Genk B	2	28	-
96/97-97/98	KRC Genk B	1	53	2
Totals			53	2

## PHILIPPE CLEMENT



## WILLIE BOLAND

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
92/93-97/98	Coventry	P	63	-

Born: Ennis, IRL. 6-8-75  
Height: 1.75m Weight: 71kg

Boland is a successful product of the club's youth system. He's a stylish midfielder who has a growing collection of Republic of Ireland U21 caps.

Born: Nottingham. 23-4-76  
Height: 1.76m Weight: 72kg

Huckerby is one of the country's most talented strikers. His undeniable goalscoring ability singles him out as an exciting international prospect.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
93/94-95/96	Lincoln	2	28	5
95/96-96/97	Newcastle	P	1	-
96/97	Millwall (L)	2	6	3
96/97-97/98	Coventry	P	59	19
Totals			94	27

## DARREN HUCKERBY



## NOEL WHELAN

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
92/93-95/96	Leeds United	P	48	7
Dec 95-97/98	Coventry	P	77	20
Totals			125	27

Born: Leeds. 30-12-74  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 73kg

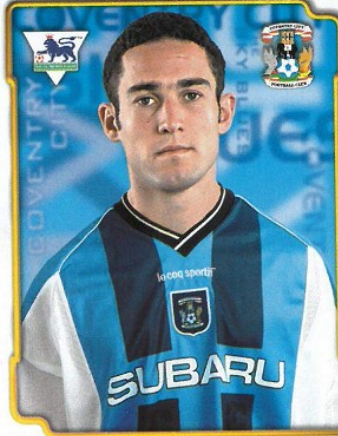
Whelan undoubtedly had one of his best season's last term. Enjoying the freedom of a deeper midfield role, he caused teams lots of problems.

Born: Leicester. 22-4-69  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 78kg

Dublin's career goes from strength to strength. His prolific goalscoring and all-round aerial power are vital to Coventry.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
87/88	Norwich	1	-	-
88/89-89/90	Cambridge	4	67	21
90/91	Cambridge	3	46	16
91/92	Cambridge	2	43	15
92/93-93/94	Man Utd	P	12	2
94/95-97/98	Coventry	P	105	59
Totals			303	113

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## MARCUS HALL

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
94/95-97/98	Coventry	P	68	1

Born: Coventry, 24-3-76  
Height: 1.85m Weight: 76kg

An England U21 international with an excellent future. Hall is primarily a defender but loves to rampage down Coventry's left flank.

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Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
86/87-87/88	Portsmouth	L2	1	-
88/89-89/90	Cambridge	4	70	1
90/91	Cambridge	3	8	1
91/92	Cambridge	2	22	-
92/93	Cambridge	1	16	-
93/94	Cambridge	2	18	2
Feb 94	Birmingham	1	15	-
94/95	Birmingham	2	37	3
95/96	Birmingham	1	17	-
Feb 96-97/98	Coventry	P	38	2
<b>Totals</b>			<b>244</b>	<b>9</b>

Born: Portsmouth, 23-9-68  
Height: 1.88m Weight: 85kg

Coventry's defence missed Liam's inspiration during his time out with injury. He's an experienced defender with tremendous power in the air.

## LIAM DAISH

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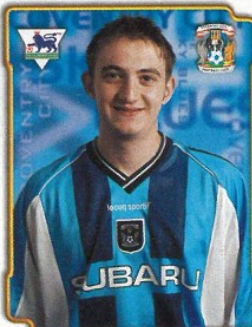
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## GAVIN STRACHAN

Born: Aberdeen, 23-12-78  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 73kg

Strachan is a blossoming midfield talent. Showing the same tenacity and desire as his famous father, Gavin is a very determined competitor.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
96/97-97/98	Coventry	P	9	-



Born: Evesham, 16-9-77  
Height: 1.63m Weight: 61kg

Ducros is a ready and willing midfielder who can play up front. He's slightly built, but is very quick and has tidy ball skills.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
94/95-97/98	Coventry	P	8	-

## ANDREW DUCROS

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## Fans' Favourite Dion Dublin

Shots on Target

38%

Dribble Success

47%

Cross Completion

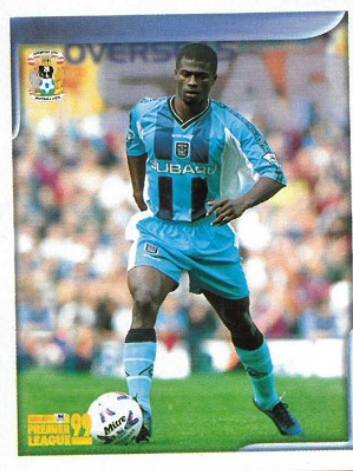
32%

Pass Completion

64%

Position: Forward

97/98 League Record:  
36 APPS/18 GOALS



## 1997/98 Performance Analysis

Team Performance

Leading Player

	Rank
Shots On Target	516 11
Shots On Target	40% 2=
Huckerby/Dublin	43
Pass Completion	70% 13=
Burrows	1002
Tackles Won	61% 13=
Nilsson	61
Dribble Success	69% 18=
Huckerby	148
Cross Completion	31% 4=
Telfer	42



## Goalscorers Top Ten

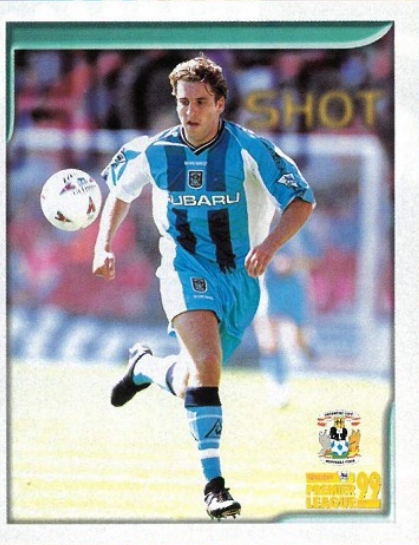
\*Player still with club

Dublin*	58
Ndlovu	35
Quinn	25
Whelan*	20
Huckerby*	19
Williams J	11
Wegerle	9
Flynn	7
Gallacher	6
McAllister*	6



## Hotshot

Darren Huckerby



Shots on Target

48%

Dribble Success

56%

Cross Completion

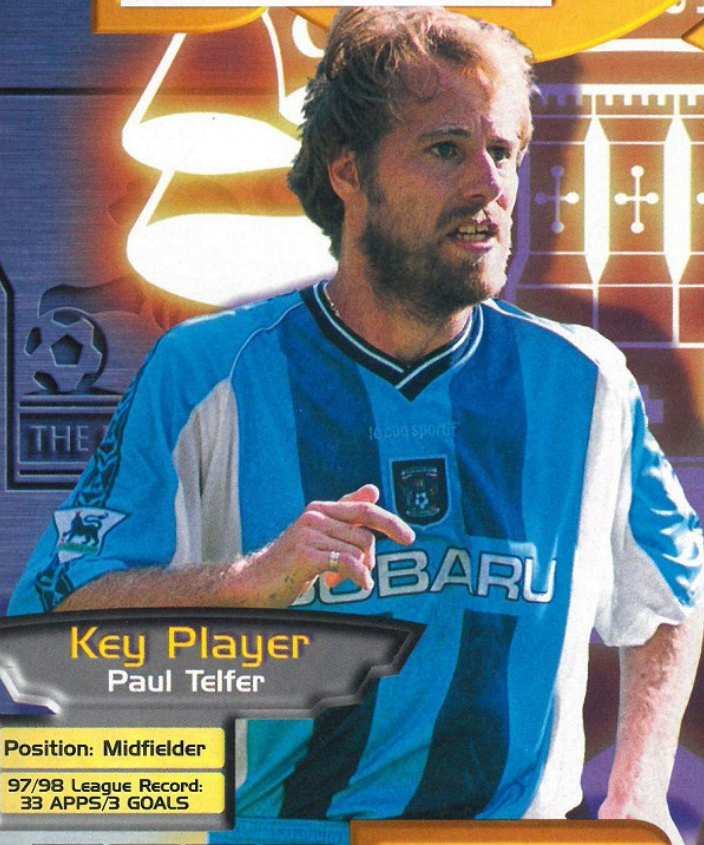
16%

Pass Completion

63%

Position: Forward

97/98 League Record:  
34 APPS/14 GOALS



## Key Player

Paul Telfer

Position: Midfielder

97/98 League Record:  
33 APPS/3 GOALS

35%

72%

60%

77%

Shots on Target

Dribble Success

Tackles Won

Pass Completion



## New Signing



MERLIN'S  
PREMIER LEAGUE 99  
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# Derby County

Derby County's current squad is a blend of exciting talents from a variety of nations. The cosmopolitan front-line, including Baiano, Sturridge and Wanchope, continues to be effective while the signing of Carbonari, from Argentina, and Schnoor, from Germany, has strengthened the Rams' squad and added vital stability in defence.

## MERLIN'S Guide to Pride Park

### HOW TO GET THERE BY CAR

Leave the M1 at Junction 25 and take the A52 to Derby. Pride Park stadium is on the left after approximately five miles.

Concourse fast food available from two hours before kick off.

## Manager Jim Smith

OFFICIAL WEBSITE  
<http://www.dcfcc.co.uk>

### ESSENTIAL NUMBERS

Club Number: 01332 202202  
Tickets: 01332 209209  
Credit Card Bookings: 01332 209999  
Club Call: 0891 12 11 87\*

\* Calls cost 50p per minute at all times. Obtain permission from the bill-payer before calling.

## Team Kits

### Away Kit

Amber shirts with navy blue and white trim, navy blue shorts with white trim, amber socks with navy blue and white trim.



### Home Kit

White shirts with black trim, black shorts with white trim, black socks with white tops.

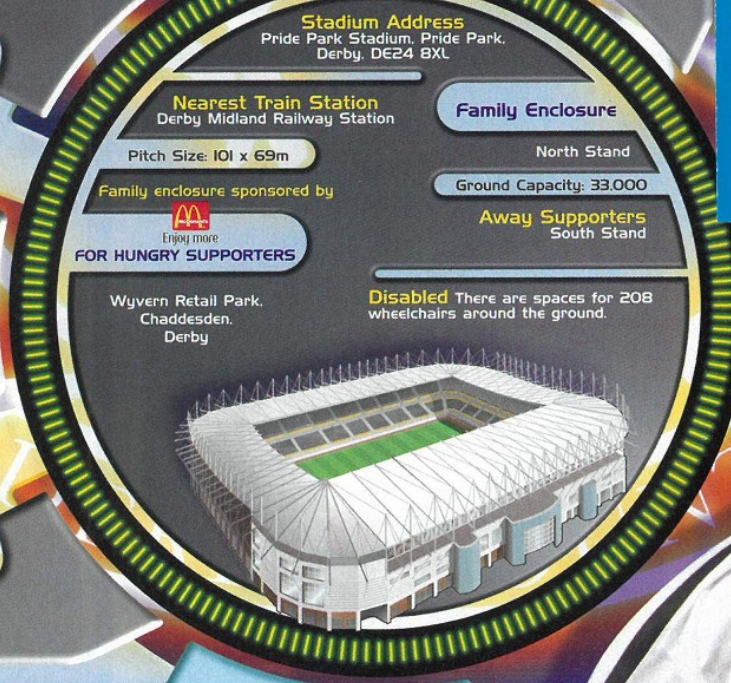


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**PUMA**



### Stadium Address

Pride Park Stadium, Pride Park, Derby, DE24 8XL

### Nearest Train Station

Derby Midland Railway Station

### Family Enclosure

North Stand

Ground Capacity: 33,000

Away Supporters South Stand

Pitch Size: 101 x 69m

Family enclosure sponsored by

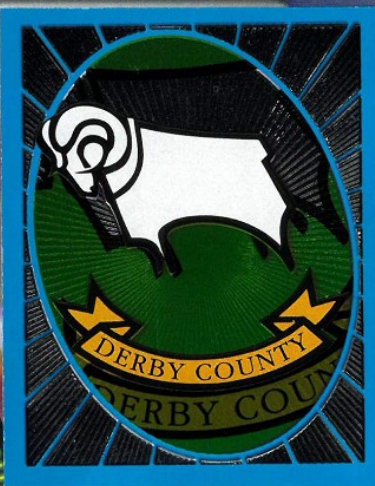


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Wyvern Retail Park, Chaddesden, Derby

**Disabled** There are spaces for 208 wheelchairs around the ground.



## Fixtures



home



away

Blackburn Rovers	January 16th
Everton	February 6th
Charlton Athletic	February 20th
Aston Villa	March 6th
Liverpool	March 13th
Newcastle United	April 3rd
Nottingham Forest	April 10th
Southampton	April 24th
Coventry City	May 8th

Wimbledon	January 9th
Sheffield Wednesday	January 30th
Leicester City	February 13th
Tottenham Hotspur	February 27th
Leeds United	March 20th
Manchester United	April 5th
West Ham United	April 17th
Arsenal	May 1st
Chelsea	May 16th

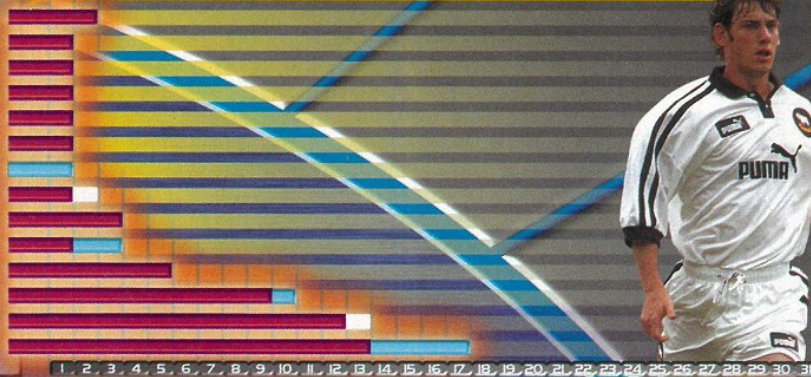




# 1997-98 Season Goalscorers



Others  
Dailly  
Carsley  
Laursen  
Asanovic  
Stimac  
Trollope  
C Powell  
Burton  
Rowett  
Erano  
Sturridge  
Balano  
Wanchope



## Top SCORER PAULO WANCHOPE

Wanchope's fancy footwork helped the skilful Costa Rican to score an impressive 13 league goals. A great achievement for his first season in the top flight.

## When the goals were scored

first half

Team goals for

second half



first half

Team goals against

second half

Charity Shield Winners  
1975



FA Cup Winners  
1946



League Champions  
1971/72, 1974/75



DERBY COUNTY



## Premier League Record



MERLIN'S  
PREMIER LEAGUE 99  
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## RUSSELL HOULT

Born: Leicester, 22-11-72  
Height: 1.93m Weight: 91kg

Hoult is a very talented goalkeeper with superb reflexes. He started the season in fine form and is keen to hang on to the number one shirt.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
90/91/92	Leicester C	2	-	-
91/92	Lincoln (L)	4	2	-
92/93	Blackpool (L)	4	-	-
92/93-94	Leicester C	1	10	-
93/94	Bolton W (L)	1	4	-
94/95	Leicester C	P	-	-
94/95	Lincoln (L)	3	15	-
94/95	Derby Co (L)	1	15	-
95/96	Derby Co	1	41	-
96/97-97/98	Derby Co	P	34	-
Totals			121	-



Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
94/95-95/97	Portsmouth	1	4	-
96/97-97/98	Derby Co	P	40	-
Totals			44	-

Born: Tallinn, EW, 3-2-72  
Height: 1.97m Weight: 85kg

Poom is an Estonian giant. He appeared in all but two of the Rams' Premier League games last season keeping an excellent 13 clean sheets.

## MART POOM

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## STEFAN SCHNOOR

Born: Germany, 18-4-71  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 74kg

Brought in as a replacement for Chris Powell, Schnoor is an experienced German defender who is capable of playing anywhere in the back line.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
91/92-97/98	SV H'burg, D	1	131	8

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
93/94-97/98	Rosario C, ARG	1	126	36

Born: Argentina  
Height: 1.91m Weight: 85kg

The tall Argentinian is Derby's record signing. Jim Smith paid £2.7million for the central defender who possesses a really venomous shot.

## HORACIO CARBONARI

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## IGOR STIMAC

Born: Metkovic, CRO, 6-9-67  
Height: 1.88m Weight: 83kg

Stimac is a crowd favourite at Pride Park. His commanding and inspirational performances have highlighted him as a real tough defender.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
90/91/92	Hadjuk S, CRO	3	14	2
92/93-93/94	Cardiz, E	6	4	-
94/95	Hadjuk S, CRO	2	3	-
95/96	Derby Co	1	27	1
96/97-97/98	Derby Co	P	242	2
Totals			305	12

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
1990-91/92	Vejle BK, DK	5	55	1
92/93-95/96	Silkeborg, DK	1	125	8
96/97-97/98	Derby Co	P	64	2
Totals			244	11

Born: Vejle, DK, 6-10-71  
Height: 1.82m Weight: 78kg

A tough and reliable Danish international defender. Laursen is happiest on the right side of the defence and is a strong and confident tackler.

## JACOB LAURSEN

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## SPENCER PRIOR

Born: Southend, 22-4-71  
Height: 1.86m Weight: 80kg

Prior was signed from neighbours Leicester to replace Christian Dailly in the Rams' defence. He's a big and powerful defender who is strong in the air.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
88/89	Southend	3	14	1
89/90	Southend	4	15	1
90/91	Southend	3	19	-
91/92	Southend	2	42	1
92/93	Southend	1	45	-
93/94-94/95	Norwich	P	30	-
95/96	Norwich	1	44	1
96/97-97/98	Leicester C	P	64	-
Totals			273	4

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
88/89-91/92	Portsmouth	2	47	6
92/93-94/95	Portsmouth	1	85	10
95/96	Derby Co	1	37	5
96/97-97/98	Derby Co	P	56	1
Totals			225	22

Born: Lambeth, 15-1-71  
Height: 1.86m Weight: 69kg

Powell is a reliable performer in the Rams' midfield. He made 23 appearances last season as Derby challenged for European qualification.

## DARRYL POWELL

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## RORY DELAP

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
92/93-94/95	Carlisle	3	5	-
95/96	Carlisle	2	19	3
96/97	Carlisle	3	32	4
97/98	Carlisle	2	9	-
97/98	Derby Co	P	8	-
Totals			78	7

Born: Coldfield, 6-7-76  
Height: 1.85m Weight: 80kg

A young midfielder who moved to Pride Park from Carlisle towards the end of last season. He's got plenty of pace and is comfortable playing wing-back.



Born: Vadso, N. 8-9-66  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 77kg

The creative Norwegian adds invention to Derby's midfield. He has superb vision and a polished all-round technically sound game to match.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
88/89-89/90	Valerengen, N		33	5
90/91	Viking FK, N		10	-
90/91-92/93	Young Boys, CH	I	58	6
93/94	Nott'm F	I	23	1
94/95-95/96	Nott'm F	P	41	6
Oct 95-97/98	Blackburn	P	58	7
97/98	Derby Co	P	9	1
Totals			232	26

## LARS BOHINEN



## LEE CARSLY

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
92/93-95/96	Derby Co	I	58	3
96/97-97/98	Derby Co	P	58	1
Totals			116	4

Born: Birmingham, 28-2-74  
Height: 1.77m Weight: 76kg

Carsley is an excellent hard-working midfielder. His vital link-up play and accurate distribution make him one of the Rams' brightest prospects.



Born: Genoa, I, 29-12-66  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 74kg

Eranio supplies the flair in the Derby midfield. An excellent passer of the ball, he supplies the bullets for Derby's potent strike force.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
84/85-88/89	Genoa, I	B	127	7
89/90-91/92	Genoa, I	A	86	6
92/93-96/97	AC Milan, I	A	98	6
97/98	Derby Co	P	23	5
Totals			334	24

## STEFANO ERANIO



## DEAN STURRIDGE

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
91/92	Derby Co	2	1	-
92/93-94/95	Derby Co	I	22	1
94/95	Torquay (I)	3	10	5
95/96	Derby Co	I	39	20
96/97-97/98	Derby Co	P	60	19
Totals			132	45

Born: Birmingham, 27-7-73  
Height: 1.73m Weight: 77kg

Sturridge was an integral part of Derby's lethal three-pronged attack last season. Aided by devastating pace he hammered in 9 goals.



Born: Costa Rica, 31-4-76  
Height: 1.95m Weight: 79kg

Wanchope's mesmeric skills lit up Pride Park last season. The exciting Costa Rican international bagged 13 important league goals as well.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
	From Herediano, COS			
96/97-97/98	Derby Co	P	37	14

## PAULO WANCHOPE



## DEON BURTON

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
93/94-96/97	Portsmouth	I	62	10
96/97	Cardiff C	I	5	2
97/98	Derby Co	P	29	3
Totals			96	15

Born: Ashford, 25-10-76  
Height: 1.74m Weight: 67.7kg

Derby fans have high hopes for this talented young striker. The Jamaican international is maturing into a top class forward.



Born: Napoli, I, 24-2-68  
Height: 1.70m Weight: 68kg

The deadly Italian completes Derby's devastating frontline. His predatory instincts are second to none and he creates chances for his colleagues.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
85/86	Napoli, I	A	26	2
86/87	Empoli, I	B	25	4
87/88	Parma, I	A	1	-
87/88	Napoli, I	A	1	-
88/89	Empoli, I	B	38	6
89/90	Avellino, I	B	36	22
90/91	Foggia, I	A	33	16
91/92	Foggia, I	A	32	10
92/93	Florentina, I	B	71	4
93/94	Florentina, I	A	76	15
94/95-96/97	Florentina, I	A	33	12
97/98	Derby Co	P	347	105
Totals				

## FRANCESCO BAIANO





## ROBERT KOZLUK

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
95/96	Derby Co	I	-	-
96/97 - 97/98	Derby Co	P	9	-
<b>Totals</b>			<b>9</b>	<b>-</b>

Born: Mansfield, 5-8-77  
Height: 1.73m Weight: 73kg

Another young Derby defender who has come through the ranks at Pride Park. Very pacy right-sided defender who loves to get forward and attack.



Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
96/97 - 97/98	Derby Co	P	3	-

Born: Derby, 29-10-78  
Height: 1.85m Weight: 89kg

Young defender Elliott made his Premiership debut for Derby last season. He has a bright future and has won England U21 caps.

## STEVE ELLIOTT

## MARK BRIDGE-WILKINSON

Born: Nuneaton, 16-3-79  
Height: 1.68m Weight: 67kg

Bridge-Wilkinson is pushing for a first-team place. The compact teenager likes to operate in the midfield and is tipped for a big future.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
96/97 - 97/98	Derby Co	P	-	-



Born: Portsmouth, 23-1-79  
Height: 1.67m Weight: 65kg

Porter is one of Derby's players for the future. The talented young midfielder is eager to show off his range of skills against Premiership opponents.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
97/98	Derby Co	P	-	-

## DANIEL PORTER



## Fans' Favourite Francesco Baiano

**Shots on Target**

47%

**Dribble Success**

72%

**Cross Completion**

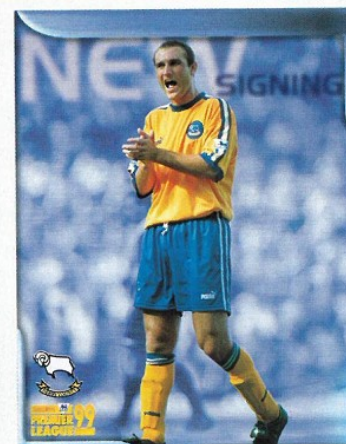
24%

**Pass Completion**

78%

**Position: Forward**

**97/98 League Record:  
33 APPS/12 GOALS**



## 1997/98

### Performance Analysis

#### Team Performance

#### Leading Player

	Rank
<b>Shots On Target</b>	<b>432</b> 17
<b>Shots On Target</b>	<b>39%</b> 7=
<b>Wanchope</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Pass Completion</b>	<b>70%</b> 13=
<b>Baiano</b>	<b>943</b>
<b>Tackles Won</b>	<b>64%</b> 6=
<b>Carsley</b>	<b>111</b>
<b>Dribble Success</b>	<b>70%</b> 16=
<b>Wanchope</b>	<b>147</b>
<b>Cross Completion</b>	<b>31%</b> 4=
<b>Eranio</b>	<b>11</b>

## Goalscorers Top Ten

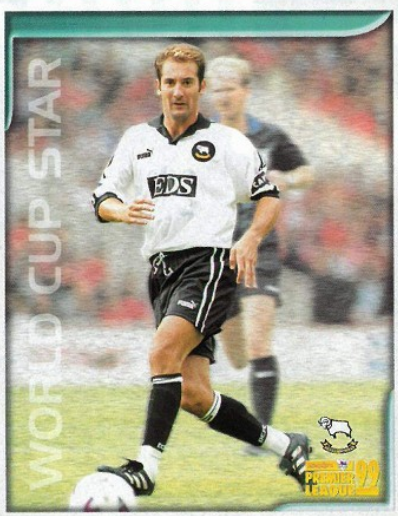
\*Player still with club

<b>Sturridge*</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Wanchope*</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Baiano*</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Ward</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Asanovic</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Eranio*</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Dailly</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Burton*</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Laursen*/Simpson</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Van der Laan*/Willems</b>	<b>2</b>



# 1998 World Cup Star

Igor Stimac



Dribble Success

100%

Tackles Won

70%

Short Pass Success

78%

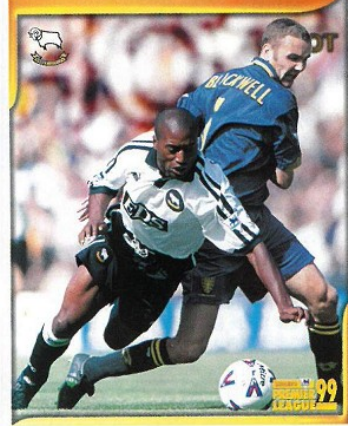
Long Pass Success

42%



Country: Croatia  
Position: Defender

Mins on Pitch: 518  
Goals Scored: 0



Key Player  
Paulo Wanchope

Position: Forward

97/98 League Record:  
32 APPS/13 GOALS

49%

62%

31%

62%

Shots on Target

Dribble Success

Cross Completion

Pass Completion



Hotshot



MEAL'S  
PREMIER LEAGUE 99  
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# Everton

Walter Smith's disciplined leadership is starting to reap rewards at Everton. The addition of some important new signings has strengthened the squad. New boy John Collins brings experience to the Everton midfield and his link-up play with Duncan Ferguson is proving successful. With a host of new players starting to settle in at Goodison Park, the talented Everton squad will be confident about the future of the Merseyside club.

## MERLIN'S Guide to Goodison Park

### HOW TO GET THERE BY CAR

Approaching on the M6, exit at Junction 21a onto the M62. Exit the M62 at Junction 4 and get onto the A5080. At the junction with the A5080 turn right and continue along this road as it becomes Queens Drive. Continue to the junction with Walton Hall Avenue and turn left onto the A580 Walton Lane. Goodison Road and the ground are on the right.

### Manager Walter Smith

**OFFICIAL WEBSITE**  
<http://www.evertonfc.com>

### ESSENTIAL NUMBERS

Club Number: 0151 330 2200  
Tickets: 0151 330 2300  
Credit Card  
Bookings: 0151 471 8000  
Club Call: 0891 12 11 99\*

\* Calls cost 50p per minute at all times  
Obtain permission from the bill-payer before calling.

## Team Kits

### Away Kit

White shirts with royal blue collars and trim, royal blue shorts with white trim, royal blue socks with white trim.



### Home Kit

Royal blue shirts with white and yellow trim, white shorts with yellow and royal blue trim, white socks with royal blue, yellow and black trim.



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**Kit Manufacturer**

**UMBRO**

**Stadium Address**  
Goodison Park  
Liverpool, L4 4EL

**Nearest Train Station**  
Kirkdale

Pitch Size: 102 x 71m

Family enclosure sponsored by



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202-218 Walton Road,  
Kirkdale, Liverpool, L4

**Family Enclosure**

Main Stand, Lower Tier

Ground Capacity: 40,183

**Away Supporters**  
Upper and Lower Tier in Upper  
Bullens Stand

**Disabled** There are spaces for 48 wheelchairs and helpers in the Park Stand and spaces for 13 wheelchairs and helpers in the away stand



## Fixtures

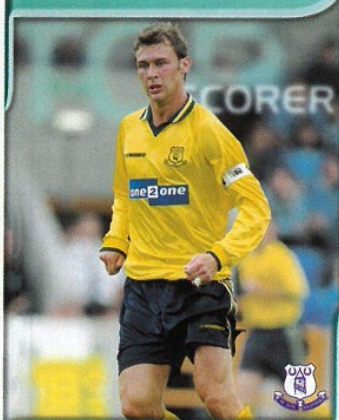
home away

Leicester City January 9th	Aston Villa January 16th
Nottingham Forest January 30th	Derby County February 6th
Middlesbrough February 13th	Leeds United February 20th
Wimbledon February 27th	Blackburn Rovers March 6th
Arsenal March 13th	Manchester United March 20th
Sheffield Wednesday April 5th	Liverpool April 3rd
Coventry City April 11th	Newcastle United April 17th
Charlton Athletic April 24th	Chelsea May 1st
West Ham United May 8th	Southampton May 16th





# 1997-98 Season Goalscorers



Hutchison  
Tiler  
Ball  
Thomsen  
Grant  
Farrelly  
Stuart  
Oster  
Barmby  
Cadamarleri  
Madar  
Speed  
Ferguson



## Top Scorer DUNCAN FERGUSON

Everton's leading scorer is a giant in attack and a fearsome prospect in the air. Big Dunc's 11 goals proved to be priceless for Everton last season.

## When the goals were scored

first half Team goals for second half



first half Team goals against second half

European Cup Winners' Cup Winners 1985



Charity Shield Winners 1928, 1932, 1963, 1970, 1984, 1985, 1986 (shared), 1987, 1995



FA Cup Winners 1906, 1933, 1966, 1984, 1995



League Champions 1890/91, 1914/15, 1927/28, 1931/32, 1938/39, 1962/63, 1969/70, 1984/85, 1986/87



EVERTON



## Premier League Record

1997-98 17th  
1996-97 15th  
1995-96 6th  
1994-95 15th  
1993-94 17th  
1992-93 13th





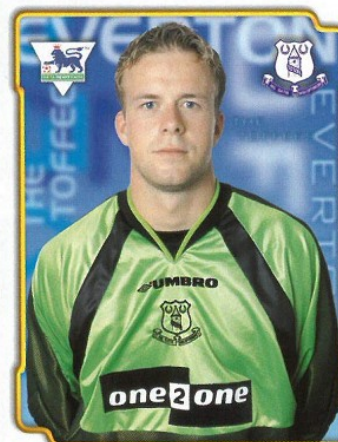
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## THOMAS MYHRE

Born: Sarpsborg, N. 16-10-73  
Height: 1.93m Weight: 90kg

The young Norwegian wasted no time taking his chance at Goodison. His incredible displays of agility produced seven clean sheets last season.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
1993-1997	Viking FK, N	I	94	-
97/98	Everton	P	22	-
Totals			116	-



Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
87/88-94/95	Dundee Utd	I	151	8
94/95-97/98	Rangers	SP	96	4
Totals			247	12

## ALEX CLELAND

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## MICHAEL BALL

Born: Liverpool, 2-10-79  
Height: 1.85m Weight: 73kg

This versatile defender is a fantastic prospect. A leading product of Everton's successful youth system he made 25 appearances last season.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
96/97-97/98	Everton	P	30	1



Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
79/80-80/81	Liverpool	I	-	-
Nov 80	Norwich	I	18	3
81/82	Norwich	2	38	3
82/83-84/85	Norwich	I	114	2
85/86	Norwich	2	42	3
86/87-91/92	Everton	I	200	17
92/93-97/98	Everton	P	195	6
Totals			607	34

## DAVE WATSON

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## CRAIG SHORT

Born: Bridlington, 25-6-68  
Height: 1.88m Weight: 77kg

This reliable defender is known for his tough tackling and aerial prowess. Short is a key member of Everton's talented three-man defence.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
87/88-88/89	Scarborough	4	63	7
89/90	Notts Co	3	44	2
90/91	Notts Co	2	43	-
91/92-92/93	Notts Co	I	41	4
Aug 92-94/95	Derby Co	I	88	9
95/96-97/98	Everton	P	77	4
Totals			386	26



Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
90/91	Messina, I	B	-	-
91/92-92/93	Tor di Quinto, I	-	-	-
93/94	Marsala, I	-	25	4
94/95	Trapani, I	CI	13	2
95/96	Perugia, I	B	1	-
96/97	Perugia, I	A	14	2
96/97	Carpi, I	CI	18	7
97/98	Perugia, I	B	32	4
Totals			103	19

## MARCO MATERAZZI

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## SLAVEN BILIC

Born: Split, CRO, 11-9-68  
Height: 1.88m Weight: 86kg

A tough defender with unquestionable talent. He's a regular in the Croatian national side. is strong in the air and passes the ball superbly.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
88/89-92/93	Hadjuk S, YUG	I	109	24
93/94-94/95	Karlsruhe, D	-	54	5
95/96-96/97	West Ham	P	48	2
97/98	Everton	P	24	-
Totals			235	31



Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
91/92	Everton	I	2	1
92/93-96/97	Everton	P	114	10
97/98	Aston Villa	P	-	-
97/98	West Ham	P	32	2
Totals			148	13

## DAVID UNSWORTH

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Born: Preston, 16-10-73  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 77kg

Unsworth's commanding performances at West Ham confirmed that he has become one of the country's most comfortable defenders.





## OLIVIER DACOURT

Season Club Div Apps Gls  
92/93-97/98 St. Louis, F 1 127 4

Born: Paris, F, 25-9-74  
Height: 1.77m Weight: 66kg

Dacourt's move to Goodison Park was a shrewd piece of business. The exciting French midfielder is destined to be a top class performer.

Born: Galashiels, 31-1-68  
Height: 1.73m Weight: 66kg

The Scotsman's time in France has turned him into one of Europe's best midfielders. He has an array of talents most notably his passing.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
84/85-88/90	Hibernian	I	163	16
90/91-95/96	Celtic	I	287	47
96/97-97/98	Monaco, F	I	54	7
<b>Totals</b>			<b>434</b>	<b>70</b>

## JOHN COLLINS



## DON HUTCHISON

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
89/90-90/91	Hartlepool	P	24	2
Nov 90-91/92	Liverpool	I	3	-
92/93-93/94	Liverpool	P	40	7
94/95-95/96	West Ham	P	35	11
95/96-97/98	Sheffield U	I	78	5
97/98	Everton	P	1	1
<b>Totals</b>			<b>191</b>	<b>26</b>

Born: Gateshead, 9-5-71  
Height: 1.88m Weight: 73kg

Hutchison was brought in last season to replace Gary Speed. He's a lively midfielder with a superb work-rate and a determined style.

Born: London, 5-12-73  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 73kg

Williamson is a creative midfielder with superb passing skills. His talents always seem to give him plenty of time on the ball.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
92/93	West Ham	I	-	-
93/94	West Ham	P	3	1
93/94	Dundee (U)	P	3	1
94/95-96/97	West Ham	P	48	4
97/98	Everton	P	15	-
<b>Totals</b>			<b>79</b>	<b>6</b>

## DANNY WILLIAMSON



## NICK BARMBY

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
92/93-94/95	Tottenham	P	87	20
95/96-96/97	M'boro	P	42	8
96/97-97/98	Everton	P	55	6
<b>Totals</b>			<b>184</b>	<b>34</b>

Born: Hull, 11-2-74  
Height: 1.68m Weight: 72kg

Great ball skills and a sharp football brain are two of Barmby's great footballing assets. His creative genius is still good enough for international football.

Born: Stirling, 27-12-71  
Height: 1.90m Weight: 84kg

"Big Dunc" is a giant in the opposition's penalty area and is impossible to stop in full flight. A physically competitive striker of real class.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
90/91-91/92	Dundee Utd	SI	47	16
92/93	Dundee Utd	SP	30	12
93/94-94/95	Rangers	SP	14	2
Oct 94-97/98	Everton	P	102	33
<b>Totals</b>			<b>193</b>	<b>63</b>

## DUNCAN FERGUSON



## JOHN SPENCER

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
86/87-88/89	Rangers	SP	-	-
88/89	Morton (I)	SI	4	1
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90/91-91/92	Rangers	SP	13	2
92/93-96/97	Chelsea	P	103	36
96/97-97/98	QPR	I	48	22
Mar 98	Everton	P	6	-
<b>Totals</b>			<b>174</b>	<b>61</b>

Born: Glasgow, 11-9-70  
Height: 1.68m Weight: 64kg

Spencer is a battling goalscorer with lots of skill. Happy to make life difficult for defenders, he's got fantastic striking instincts.

Born: Paris, F, 8-5-68  
Height: 1.91m Weight: 85kg

The French striker has impressed the Goodison faithful with his awareness, clever positioning and clinical finishing in front of goal.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
89/90-91/92	Sochaux, F		46	6
92/93-93/94	Cannes, F		54	26
94/95-95/96	Monaco, F		52	14
96/97-97/98	D La Corona, E		24	4
97/98	Everton	P	17	6
<b>Totals</b>			<b>193</b>	<b>56</b>

## MICKAEL MADAR







## GARETH FARRELLY

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Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
92/93-94/95	Aston Villa	P	-	-
94/95	Rotherham (L)	2	10	2
95/96-96/97	Aston Villa	P	8	-
97/98	Everton	P	26	1
Totals			44	3

Born: Dublin, IRL, 28-8-75  
Height: 1.82m Weight: 79kg

Farrelly's battling midfield performances last season won him a lot of supporters at Goodison Park. Another of Everton's talented youngsters.



Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
96/97	Grimsby	1	24	3
97/98	Everton	P	31	1
Totals			55	4

Born: Boston, 8-12-78  
Height: 1.75m Weight: 67kg

Oster made more than 30 appearances for Everton last season. The teenager possesses an abundance of pace and superb close control.

## JOHN OSTER

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## MICHAEL BRANCH

Born: Liverpool, 18-10-78  
Height: 1.77m Weight: 70kg

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
95/96-97/98	Everton	P	34	3

Branch was very unlucky with injuries last season. Now fully recovered, he is showing the pace and touch that earned him a first-team place.



Born: Bradford, 12-10-79  
Height: 1.79m Weight: 76kg

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
96/97-97/98	Everton	P	27	4

Cadamarteri showed his undoubted talents last season. Still a teenager, he scored 4 goals and made 15 Premiership starts last season.

## DANNY CADAMARTERI

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## Fans' Favourite Michael Ball

Dribble Success

78%

Tackles Won

65%

Short Pass Success

43%

Long Pass Success

81%

Position: Defender

97/98 League Record:  
25 APPS/1 GOAL



1997/98

## Performance Analysis

Team Performance

Leading Player

Shots On Target

Rank

455 15

Shots On Target

38% 9=

Ferguson

35

Pass Completion

73% 6

Ferguson

903

Tackles Won

60% 16

Short

57

Dribble Success

71% 15

Cadamarteri

56

Cross Completion

33% 2

Barmby

17

## Goalscorers Top Ten

\*Player still with club

Ferguson\*

33

Rideout

29

Cottee

28

Stuart\*

22

Kanchelskis

20

Speed

16

Amokachi

10

Barlow

10

Beardsley

10

Unsworth\*

10



## 1998 World Cup Star

John Collins



WORLD CUP STAR

Dribble Success

18%

Pass Completion

91%

Tackles Won

50%

Shots on Target

50%



Country: Scotland  
Position: Midfielder

Mins on Pitch: 270  
Goals Scored: 1



Key Player  
Slaven Bilic

Position: Defender

97/98 League Record:  
24 APPS/0 GOALS

94%

Dribble Success

63%

Tackles Won

52%

Short Pass Success

91%

Long Pass Success



Hotshot



MEAL'S  
PREMIER LEAGUE 99  
49





# Leeds United

Leeds' talented young squad continues to develop into one of the strongest units in the Premier League. Well drilled in the values of organisation and team-work that have become the signature of recent Leeds teams, United are capable of competing at the top of the table and look certain to be challenging for silverware this season.

## MERLIN'S Guide to Elland Road

### HOW TO GET THERE BY CAR

Approaching from the South on the M1, continue on the M621 until Junction 2, turning left onto the A643. Continue across the M621, turning right into Elland Road. The ground is on the right.

**Caretaker Manager**  
**David O'Leary**

**OFFICIAL WEBSITE**  
<http://www.lufc.co.uk>

### ESSENTIAL NUMBERS

Club Number: 0113 226 6000  
Tickets and Credit  
Card Bookings: 0113 226 1000  
Mail Order: 0113 225 1100  
Club Call: 0891 12 11 80\*

\* Calls cost 50p per minute at all times  
Obtain permission from the bill-payer before calling.

## Team Kits

### Away Kit

Yellow and royal blue halved shirts with yellow and royal blue trim, royal blue shorts with yellow trim, royal blue socks with yellow tops.



### Home Kit

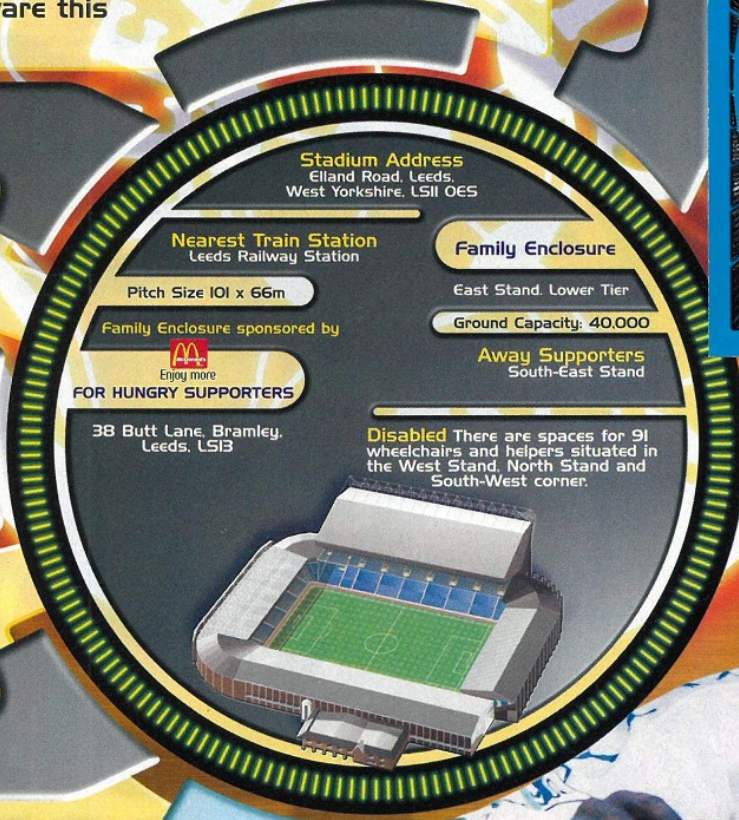
White shirts, shorts and socks, all with blue and yellow trim.



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Elland Road, Leeds,  
West Yorkshire, LS11 0ES

**Nearest Train Station**  
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**Pitch Size** 101 x 66m

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**FOR HUNGRY SUPPORTERS**

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Leeds, LS13

**Family Enclosure**

East Stand, Lower Tier

**Ground Capacity:** 40,000

**Away Supporters**  
South-East Stand

**Disabled** There are spaces for 91 wheelchairs and helpers situated in the West Stand, North Stand and South-West corner.



## Fixtures

**home**

**away**

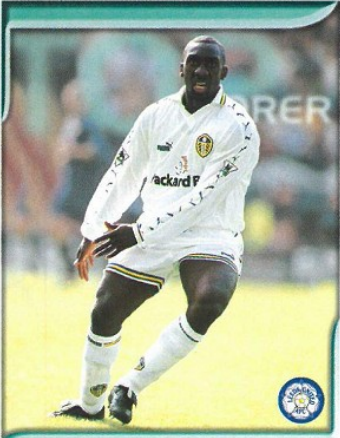
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Newcastle United	February 6th
Everton	February 20th
Tottenham Hotspur	March 6th
Derby County	March 20th
Nottingham Forest	April 3rd
Liverpool	April 10th
Manchester United	April 24th
Arsenal	May 6th

Blackburn Rovers	January 9th
Southampton	January 30th
Aston Villa	February 13th
Leicester City	February 27th
Sheffield Wednesday	March 8th
Chelsea	April 5th
Charlton Athletic	April 17th
West Ham United	May 1st
Coventry City	May 16th





# 1997-98 Season Goalscorers



## Top Scorer JIMMY FLOYD HASSELBAINK

Hasselbaink scored on his Premier League debut for Leeds. It proved to be a sign of great things to come as the Dutch international went on to score 16 league goals.

Lilley  
Hopkin  
Radebe  
Halle  
Molenaar  
Bowyer  
Ribeiro  
Wetherall  
Haaland  
Kewell  
Wallace  
Hasselbaink



## When the goals were scored

first half Team goals for second half



first half Team goals against second half



UEFA (Fairs) Cup  
Winners  
1968, 1971



Charity Shield Winners  
1969, 1992



League Cup Winners  
1968



FA Cup Winners  
1972



League Champions  
1968/69, 1973/74,  
1991/92



## LEEDS UNITED



## Premier League Record

1997-98 5th  
1996-97 11th  
1995-96 13th  
1994-95 5th  
1993-94 5th  
1992-93 17th

STOP PRESS! As this album went to press George Graham was confirmed as the new Tottenham manager.

MERLIN'S  
PREMIER LEAGUE 99





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## NIGEL MARTYN

Born: St Austell, 11-8-66  
Height: 1.88m Weight: 89kg

Nigel's outstanding displays in goal for Leeds have made him a firm favourite with the Elland Road crowd. He's very agile and has superb reflexes.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
87/88-89/90	Bristol R	3	101	-
Nov 89-91/92	Crystal P	1	101	-
92/93	Crystal P	P	42	-
93/94	Crystal P	1	46	-
94/95	Crystal P	P	37	-
95/96	Crystal P	1	46	-
96/97-97/98	Leeds United	P	74	-
Totals			447	

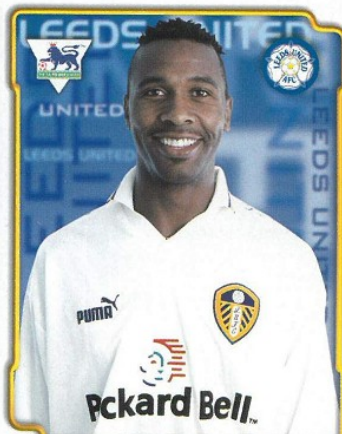
Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
91/92	Leeds United	1	2	-
92/93-97/98	Leeds United	P	188	2
Totals			190	2

Born: Drogheda, IRL, 9-7-74  
Height: 1.73m Weight: 68kg

Leeds' captain and defensive stalwart. Kelly's pace, determination and defensive awareness make him a superb all-round right-sided player.

## GARY KELLY

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## DAVID ROBERTSON

Born: Aberdeen, 17-10-68  
Height: 1.82m Weight: 70kg

The tough-tackling Scottish full-back played in well over half of Leeds' league games last season. He's an intelligent competitor who prefers to play on the left.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
86/87-90/91	Aberdeen	S1	150	2
91/92	Rangers	S1	42	1
92/93-96/97	Rangers	SP	141	14
97/98	Leeds United	P	26	-
Totals			359	17

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
	From Kaizer C. SA	-	-	-
94/95-97/98	Leeds United	P	84	-
Totals			84	-

Born: Johannesburg, SA, 12-4-69  
Height: 1.85m Weight: 73kg

The South African defender has been a revelation at Elland Road. He's the tough-tackling, hard-working leader of Leeds' strong defence.

## LUCAS RADEBE

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## DAVID WETHERALL

Born: Sheffield, 14-3-71  
Height: 1.91m Weight: 76kg

Wetherall has developed into a fine all-round defender during his time with Leeds. He reads the game exceptionally well and chips in with important goals.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
89/90	Sheff W	1	-	-
90/91	Sheff W	2	-	-
91/92	Leeds United	1	1	-
92/93-97/98	Leeds United	P	179	12
Totals			180	12

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
1987-1990	Ullestrom, N	65	10	-
90/91-91/92	Oldham	2	27	-
92/93-93/94	Oldham	P	64	6
94/95-96/97	Oldham	1	95	11
96/97-97/98	Leeds United	P	53	2
Totals			304	29

Born: Larvik, N, 11-8-65  
Height: 1.84m Weight: 79kg

The Norwegian is a reliable and consistent performer on the right flank. He was a regular throughout last season and can play in midfield if needed.

## GUNNAR HALLE

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## IAN HARTE

Born: Drogheda, IRL, 31-8-77  
Height: 1.75m Weight: 73kg

Harte is a classy defender with bags of talent. After a run of impressive performances, Ian has now established himself as a first-team regular.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
95/96-97/98	Leeds United	P	30	2

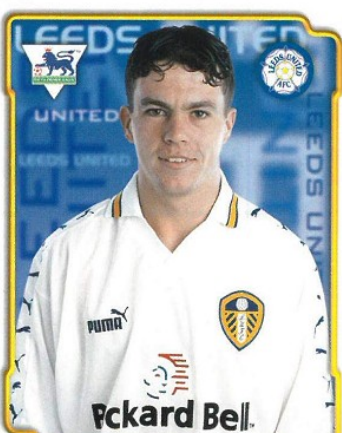
Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
92/93-96/97	Volendam, NL	1	124	3
96/97-97/98	Leeds United	P	34	3
Totals			158	6

Born: Zaandam, NL, 27-2-69  
Height: 1.90m Weight: 91kg

Dutchman Molenaar adds strength and character to Leeds' talented and gritty defence. Fondly nicknamed 'The Terminator' because of his solid style.

## ROBERT MOLENAAR

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## ALF-INGE HAALAND

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Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
1991	Bryne, N	I	38	2
93/94	Nott'm F	I	3	-
94/95-96/97	Nott'm F	P	72	7
97/98	Leeds United	P	32	7
Totals			145	16

Born: Stavanger, N. 23-11-72  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 82kg

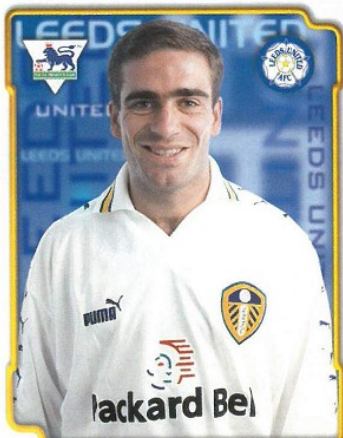
The Norwegian utility man has fought hard to establish himself in the Leeds midfield. At his best going forward, Alfie contributed seven valuable goals last season.

Born: Halesowen, 25-7-71  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 72kg  
Injury threatened to make Sharpe football's forgotten man. However, he's matured and his tricky talents on the left are still as good as they ever were.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
87/88	Torquay		4	3
88/89-91/92	Man Utd	I	77	4
92/93-95/96	Man Utd	P	16	7
96/97-97/98	Leeds United	P	26	5
Totals			233	29

## LEE SHARPE

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## BRUNO RIBEIRO

M

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
94/95	Vitoria Setubal, P	I	11	1
95/96-96/97	Vitoria Setubal, P	2	29	2
97/98	Leeds United	P	29	3
Totals			69	6

Born: Setubal, P. 22-10-75  
Height: 1.73m Weight: 77kg

Ribeiro's exciting and incisive attacking skills have added an extra dimension to the Leeds attack. He's creative, strong and never afraid to shoot.

Born: London, 3-1-77  
Height: 1.75m Weight: 61kg  
Still in his early 20s, Bowyer's potential hasn't yet been fully realised. His combative style and evident desire make him a crowd favourite at Elland Road.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
93/94-95/96	Charlton	I	46	8
96/97-97/98	Leeds United	P	57	7
Totals			103	15

## LEE BOWYER

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## DAVID HOPKIN

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Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
89/90-91/92	Morton	SI	18	-
92/93-94/95	Chelsea	P	40	1
95/96-96/97	Crystal P	I	83	21
97/98	Leeds United	P	25	1
Totals			166	23

Born: Greenock, 21-8-70  
Height: 1.75m Weight: 65kg

Hopkin is a key part of Leeds United's determined midfield. He played a vital role in securing European qualification.

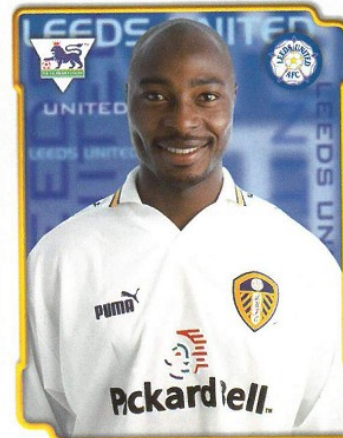
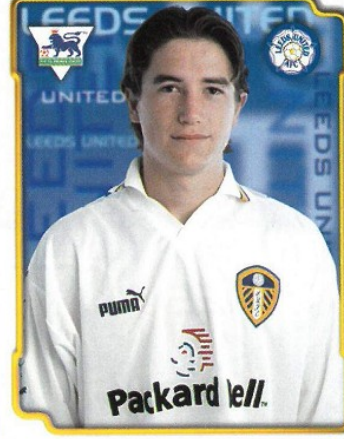
Born: Smithfield, AUS, 22-9-78  
Height: 1.82m Weight: 74kg

Kewell's scorching left foot and sharp footballing brain make him a very dangerous player. The pacy Aussie-born striker is a product of Leeds' youth system.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
95/96-97/98	Leeds United	P	32	5

## HARRY KEWELL

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## CLYDE WIJNHARD

F

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
92/93	Ajax, NL	I	4	2
93/94	FC Groningen	I	23	3
94/95	Ajax, NL	I	-	-
95/96-96/97	W'wijk, NL	I	50	18
97/98	Willem II, NL	I	28	14
Totals			105	37

Born: Surinam, 9-11-73  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 78kg

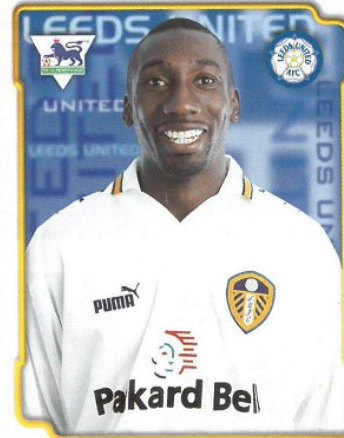
The Dutch striker came to Leeds with a reputation as a hard-working and talented forward. He can score goals and also create chances for his colleagues.

Born: Paramaribo, SUR, 27-3-72  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 85kg  
Dutchman Hasselbaink likes nothing more than scoring goals. The prolific striker banged in 16 league goals last season making him Leeds' top scorer.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
90/91	Telstar, NL	2	4	-
91/92-92/93	AZ, NL	2	35	3
93/94-94/95	FC Zwolle, NL	2	-	-
95/96	Campanse, P	I	31	12
96/97	Boavista, P	I	28	20
97/98	Leeds United	P	33	16
Totals			81	51

## JIMMY FLOYD HASSELBAINK

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### ALAN MAYBURY

Season 95/96-97/98 Club Leeds United Div Apps Gls P 18 -

Born: Dublin, IRL, 8-8-78 Height: 1.80m Weight: 73kg

Maybury is another successful product of Leeds' superb youth system. He's a tremendous defensive prospect and is tipped for a big future at Elland Road.

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Season 93/94-94/95 Club Cambridge Div Apps Gls 2 27 7  
95/96-96/97 Cambridge 3 72 -  
96/97-97/98 Chelsea P 18 -  
Totals 17 7

Born: Islington, 19-1-75 Height: 1.82m Weight: 77kg

Granville will be happy to prove what a loss he was to his former club Chelsea. He's comfortable on the ball and very dangerous in attack.

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### DANNY GRANVILLE



### MARTIN HIDEN

Born: Verteidiger, A 11-3-73 Height: 1.85m Weight: 76kg

Hiden is an Austrian international defender who can play anywhere across the defence. He looks to be a bargain buy at only £1.3million.

Season 92/93-93/94 Club Sturm Graz A Div Apps Gls 1 53 5  
94/95-95/96 Salzburg A 1 58 2  
96/97 Sturm Graz A 1 28 3  
97/98 Rapid Vienna A 1 - -  
97/98 Leeds United P 11 -  
Totals 150 10

Born: Paisley, 9-2-74 Height: 1.78m Weight: 79kg

Lilley's all-round play has come on superbly since his move south of the border. His main asset is his electrifying pace which he uses to great effect.

Season 91/92-96/97 Club Morton Div Apps Gls 180 57  
96/97-97/98 Leeds United P 18 1  
Totals 198 58

### DEREK LILLEY



### Fans' Favourite Lucas Radebe

Dribble Success

80%

Tackles Won

75%

Short Pass Success

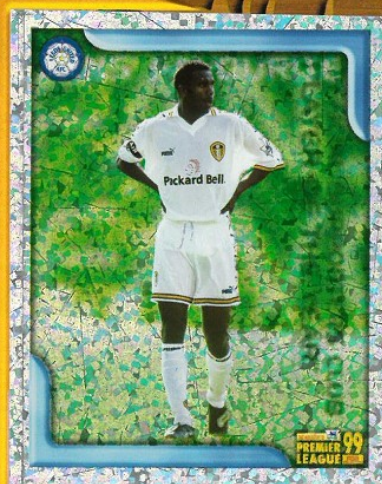
47%

Long Pass Success

82%

Position: Defender

97/98 League Record:  
27 APPS/0 GOALS



### 1997/98 Performance Analysis

Team Performance	Leading Player
	Rank
<b>Shots On Target</b>	<b>549</b> 7
<b>Shots On Target</b>	<b>37%</b> 15=
<b>Hasselbaink</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Pass Completion</b>	<b>67%</b> 19=
<b>Kelly</b>	<b>794</b>
<b>Tackles Won</b>	<b>62%</b> 10=
<b>Radebe</b>	<b>107</b>
<b>Dribble Success</b>	<b>75%</b> 8=
<b>Kewell</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Cross Completion</b>	<b>26%</b> 16=
<b>Kelly</b>	<b>33</b>

### Goalscorers Top Ten

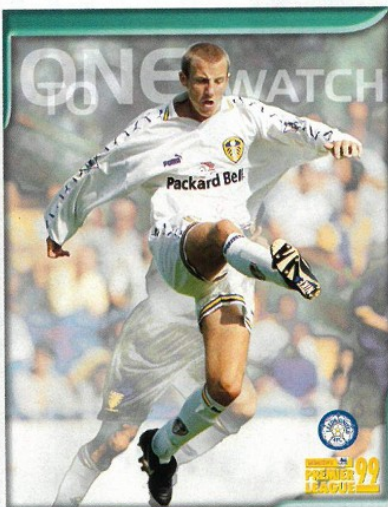
\*Player still with club

<b>Wallace</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Deane</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Yeboah/McAllister</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Speed</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Hasselbaink*</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Chapman</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Wetherall*</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>White</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Bowyer*/Fairclough</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Haaland*/Strachan/Whelan</b>	<b>7</b>



## One To Watch

Lee Bowyer



Shots on Target

43%

Dribble Success

50%

Tackles Won

54%

Pass Completion

70%

Position: Midfielder

97/98 League Record:  
25 APPS/3 GOALS



Key Player  
Harry Kewell

Position: Midfielder

97/98 League Record:  
29 APPS/5 GOALS

38%

69%

29%

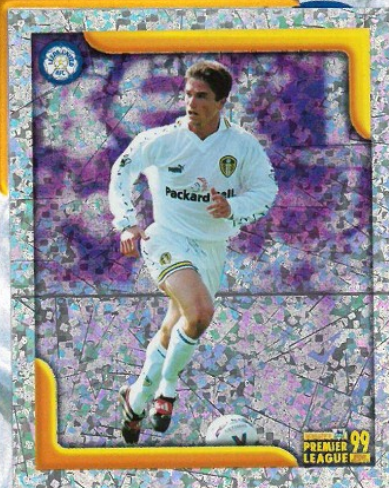
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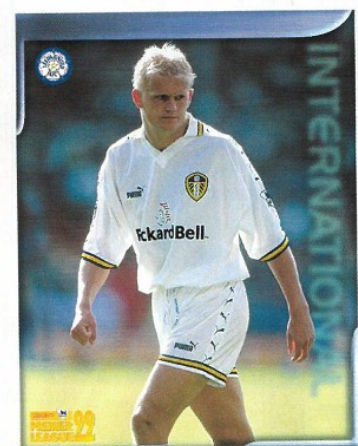
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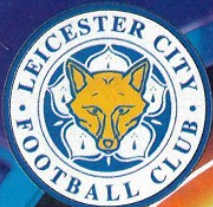


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# Leicester

## City

The hard-working Leicester side has developed into a potent force in the Premiership. A well organised defence provides excellent cover in front of Keller in goal, making the Foxes tough opponents to break down. With Emile Heskey continuing to develop into one of the nation's brightest prospects the Leicester attack remains a constant threat.

### MERLIN'S Guide to Filbert Street

#### HOW TO GET THERE BY CAR

Exit M1 at Junction 21 and head for Leicester on the A5460. After half a mile take the second exit at the roundabout staying on the A5460 Narborough Road. After approximately three miles turn right into Upperton Road, crossing the river and taking the first right for Filbert Street.

### Manager Martin O'Neill

OFFICIAL WEBSITE  
<http://www.lcfc.co.uk>

#### ESSENTIAL NUMBERS

Club Number: 0116 291 5000  
Tickets: 0116 291 5232  
Credit Card  
Bookings: 0116 291 5232  
Junior Club Line: 0116 291 5130  
Club Call: 0891 12 11 85\*

\* Calls cost 50p per minute at all times  
Obtain permission from the bill-payer before calling.

### Team Kits

#### Away Kit

White shirt with royal blue collars and trim, royal blue shorts, white socks with royal blue trim.



#### Home Kit

Royal blue shirts with white collars and trim, white shorts, royal blue socks with white trim.



#### Sponsor



#### Kit Manufacturer



### Fixtures

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#### away

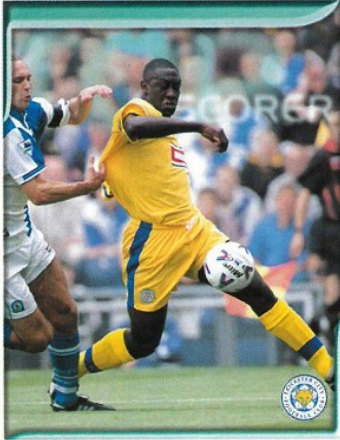
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Sheffield Wednesday	February 6th
Derby County	February 13th
Leeds United	February 27th
Charlton Athletic	March 13th
Aston Villa	April 6th
West Ham United	April 10th
Coventry City	April 24th
Newcastle United	May 8th

Everton	January 9th
Middlesbrough	January 30th
Arsenal	February 20th
Wimbledon	March 6th
Liverpool	March 20th
Tottenham Hotspur	April 3rd
Chelsea	April 17th
Southampton	May 1st
Nottingham Forest	May 16th





# 1997-98 Season Goalscorers



Zagorakis  
Ullathorne  
Wilson  
Guppy  
Lennon  
Fenton  
Walsh  
Savage  
Izzet  
Parker  
Cottee  
Elliott  
Marshall  
Heskey



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## Top SCORER EMILE HESKEY

The young Leicester striker netted 10 quality goals in the league last season and has rapidly become one of the club's hottest properties. Heskey scored the Foxes' first goal of their current campaign.

## When the goals were scored

first half

Team goals for

second half



first half

Team goals against

second half



Charity Shield Winners  
1972



League Cup Winners  
1964, 1997



League Best Position  
Runners-up,  
Division I,  
1928/29



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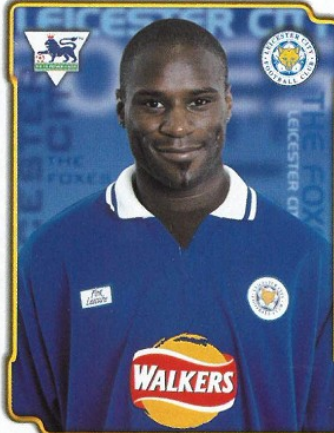


## Premier League Record

1997-98	10th
1996-97	9th
1995-96 Division I	5th
1994-95	21st
1993-94 Division I	4th
1992-93 Division I	6th

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## KASEY KELLER

Born: Washington, USA 27-1-69  
Height: 1.86m Weight: 79kg

The agile American has firmly established himself in English football. His energetic performances in goal for the Foxes mark him out as a special talent.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
91/92	Millwall	2	1	-
92/93-95/96	Millwall	1	75	-
96/97-97/98	Leicester C	P	63	-
Totals			239	-

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
89/90-91/92	Chelsea	1	12	1
91/92	WBA (L)	3	6	1
92/93-97/98	Chelsea	P	164	5
Totals			182	7

Born: Lambeth, 3-11-71  
Height: 1.73m Weight: 71kg

Sinclair is a compact and determined defender. The muscular Jamaican international is very competitive and leaps well to attack balls in the air.

## FRANK SINCLAIR

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## GERRY TAGGART

Born: Belfast, 18-10-70  
Height: 1.85m Weight: 77kg

Taggart is a big, no-nonsense type of defender who likes to intimidate opponents. He's a very experienced and uncompromising competitor.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
88/89	Man City	2	1	1
89/90	Man City	1	1	-
89/90-91/92	Barnsley	2	89	7
92/93-94/95	Barnsley	1	123	9
95/96	Bolton W	P	11	1
96/97	Bolton W	1	43	3
97/98	Bolton W	P	15	-
Totals			293	21

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
82/83-85/86	Wigan	3	126	4
86/87	Leicester C	1	21	-
87/88-91/92	Leicester C	2	174	22
92/93-93/94	Leicester C	1	50	19
94/95	Leicester C	P	5	-
95/96	Leicester C	1	37	4
96/97-97/98	Leicester C	P	48	5
Totals			461	54

Born: Fulwood, 3-11-64  
Height: 1.88m Weight: 88kg

Walsh has been at Leicester for over ten years and never gives less than 100%. He's a rugged and effective defender who is superb in the air.

## STEVE WALSH

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## PONTUS KAAMARK

Born: Vasteras, S, 5-4-69  
Height: 1.79m Weight: 78kg

Kaamark's versatility makes him one of Martin O'Neill's most valuable assets. He's equally comfortable playing on either flank or as a man-marker.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
1985-1986	Vasteras, S	2	1	-
1987-1988	Vasteras, S	1	44	6
1989-1995	Göteborg, S	1	144	4
95/96-97/98	Leicester C	P	46	-
Totals			245	10

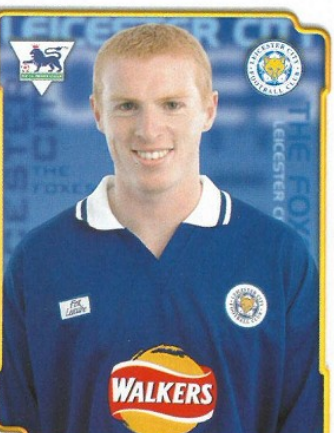
Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
88/89	Charlton	4	91	10
88/89-90/91	Torquay	3	33	5
91/92	Southport	3	61	8
91/92-93/94	Oxford Utd	1	32	5
93/94	Oxford Utd	2	90	12
94/95-95/96	Oxford Utd	1	26	4
96/97	Oxford Utd	P	53	11
96/97-97/98	Leicester C	P	386	55
Totals			700	111

Born: Roehampton, 1-11-68  
Height: 1.92m Weight: 94kg

Elliott's performances for Leicester have established him as one of the best defenders in the game. He scores goals too, netting seven last season.

## MATT ELLIOTT

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## MUZZY IZZET

Born: London, 31-10-74  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 65kg

Izzet is a probing and adventurous midfielder. Hard working and skilful on the ball, he also possesses a dangerous long-range shot.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
93/94-95/96	Chelsea	P	-	-
95/96	Leicester C (L)	1	9	1
96/97-97/98	Leicester C	P	71	7
Totals			80	8

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
87/88-88/89	Man City	2	1	-
89/90	Man City	1	-	-
90/91	Crewe	3	34	3
91/92	Crewe	4	-	-
92/93-93/94	Crewe	3	57	4
94/95-95/96	Crewe	2	56	8
Feb 96	Leicester C	1	15	1
96/97-97/98	Leicester C	P	72	3
Totals			235	19

Born: Lurgan, 25-6-71  
Height: 1.75m Weight: 73kg

Lennon is Leicester's workhorse. The Northern Ireland international midfielder is a tenacious tackler as well as a superb passer of the ball.

## NEIL LENNON

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## SCOTT TAYLOR

M

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
88/89-91/92	Reading	3	93	5
92/93-93/94	Reading	2	70	11
94/95	Reading	1	44	8
95/96	Leicester C	1	39	6
96/97-97/98	Leicester C	P	25	-
Totals			271	30

Born: Portsmouth, 28-11-70  
Height: 1.76m Weight: 70kg

Taylor is a reliable team player for Leicester. Operating on the right side of midfield, he intelligently uses his skills to great effect.



Born: Oxford, 7-9-65  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 78kg

Parker remains Leicester's most creative and naturally talented player. He's got a quick football brain, precise passing skills and is deadly from set pieces.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
82/83-85/86	Luton T	1	42	3
86/87-87/88	Hull C	2	84	8
88/89-91/92	Nott'm F	1	103	17
91/92	Aston Villa	1	25	1
92/93-94/95	Aston Villa	P	70	12
94/95	Leicester C	P	14	2
95/96	Leicester C	1	40	3
96/97-97/98	Leicester C	P	53	5
Totals			431	51

## GARRY PARKER

M



## STEVE GUPPY

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Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
93/94	Wycombe W	3	41	8
94/95	Newcastle	P	-	-
94/95-96/97	Port Vale	1	105	12
96/97-97/98	Leicester C	P	50	2
Totals			196	22

Born: Winchester, 29-3-69  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 76kg

Guppy is a traditional wide player who rarely ventures in off his wing. He is a superb crosser of the ball and he uses his change of pace to beat defenders.



Born: Wrexham, 18-10-74  
Height: 1.85m Weight: 64kg

The Welsh international is a busy and adventurous right-sided attacking midfielder. He's not afraid of hard work and is an excellent crosser of the ball.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
93/94	Man Utd	P	-	-
94/95-96/97	Crewe A	2	77	10
97/98	Leicester C	P	35	2
Totals			112	12

## ROBBIE SAVAGE

M



## THEO ZAGORAKIS

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Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
92/93-97/98	Salonika, GR	1	140	10
97/98	Leicester C	P	14	1
Totals			154	11

Born: Kavala, GR, 27-10-71  
Height: 1.75m Weight: 73kg

Zagorakis is the captain of the Greek national side. The industrious midfielder slotted into the side effortlessly after joining midway through last season.



Born: Leicester, 11-1-78  
Height: 1.88m Weight: 83kg

Heskey is a product of the club's youth system. He possesses exceptional pace, incredible power and a healthy appetite for goals.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
94/95	Leicester C	P	1	-
95/96	Leicester C	1	30	7
96/97-97/98	Leicester C	P	70	20
Totals			101	27

## EMILE HESKEY

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## GRAHAM FENTON

F

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
91/92	Aston Villa	1	-	-
92/93-93/94	Aston Villa	P	12	1
93/94	WBA (U)	1	7	3
94/95-95/96	Aston Villa	P	20	2
95/96-96/97	Blackburn	P	27	7
97/98	Leicester C	P	22	3
Totals			88	16

Born: Wallsend, 22-5-74  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 74kg

Fenton is a powerful and direct centre-forward. He found his goalscoring touch last season and will be pushing hard for a first-team place this campaign.



Born: West Ham, 11-7-65  
Height: 1.70m Weight: 71kg

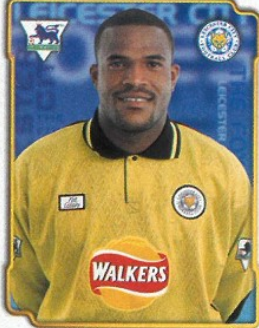
Cottee chipped in some vital goals for the Foxes last season. He's a natural, imaginative and energetic forward with a proven goalscoring record.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
82/83-87/88	West Ham	1	22	92
88/89-91/92	Everton	1	116	44
92/93-93/94	Everton	P	65	28
94/95-96/97	West Ham	P	67	23
Mar 97-97/98	Leicester C	P	19	4
Totals			479	191

## TONY COTTEE

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## PEGGUY ARPHEXAD

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
94/95-96/97	Leicester F	I	3	-
97/98	Leicester C	P	6	-
<b>Totals</b>			<b>9</b>	<b>-</b>

Born: Abymes, F. 18-5-73  
Height: 1.87m Weight: 86kg

Arphexad filled in superbly for Kasey Keller last season. Pegguy is a tall and athletic goalkeeper with superb reflexes.

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Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
96/97-97/98	Leicester C	P	13	3

Born: Leicester, 16-9-77  
Height: 1.73m Weight: 63kg

Wilson is one of Leicester's most promising youngsters. He was voted Supporters' Young Player of the Year last season.

## STUART WILSON

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## STUART CAMPBELL

Born: Corby, 9-12-77  
Height: 1.79m Weight: 67kg

The young Scotsman has looked full of promise when he's appeared for the Foxes. He can operate as a wing-back or an orthodox right midfielder.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
96/97-97/98	Leicester C	P	21	-



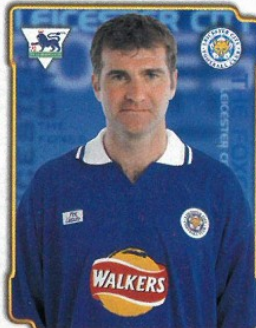
Born: Oxford, 20-3-66  
Height: 1.86m Weight: 82kg

Marshall played in the centre of defence and at centre-forward in equal measures last season. But he's most comfortable as a bustling forward.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
83/84-87/88	Everton	I	15	1
88/89-90/91	Oldham	2	102	24
91/92	Oldham	I	41	10
92/93	Oldham	P	27	2
93/94-94/95	Ipswich	P	47	18
95/96-96/97	Ipswich	I	37	19
96/97-97/98	Leicester C	P	52	15
<b>Totals</b>			<b>321</b>	<b>84</b>

## IAN MARSHALL

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## Fans' Favourite Matt Elliott

Dribble Success

94%

Tackles Won

81%

Short Pass Success

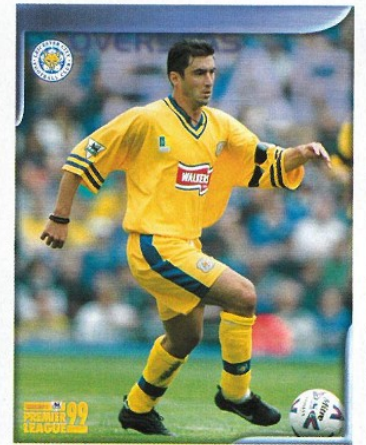
49%

Long Pass Success

88%

Position: Defender

97/98 League Record:  
37 APPS/7 GOALS



1997/98

## Performance Analysis

Team Performance

Leading Player

Shots On Target **489** Rank 14

Shots On Target **36%** Rank 17  
Heskey **40**

Pass Completion **71%** Rank 11  
Elliott **979**

Tackles Won **65%** Rank 3  
Lennon **146**

Dribble Success **76%** Rank 6  
Guppy **115**

Cross Completion **34%** Rank 1  
Guppy **75**



## Goalscorers Top Ten

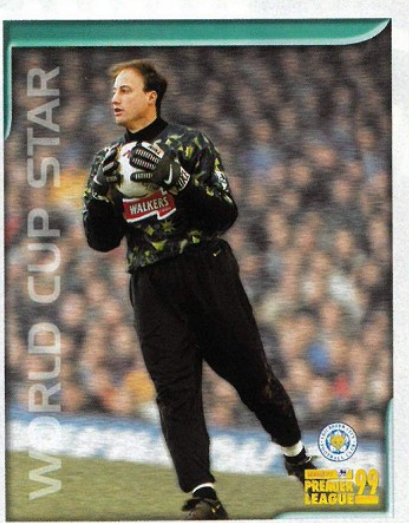
\*Player still with club

Heskey*	20
Marshall*	15
Claridge	11
Elliott*	11
Roberts	9
Lowe	8
Parker*	7
Izzet*	7
Robins	6
Draper	5



# 1998 World Cup Star

Kasey Keller



Catches

2

Shots Saved

56%

Short Pass Success

100%

Long Pass Success

22%



Country: USA  
Position: Goalkeeper

Mins on Pitch: 180  
Clean Sheets: 0



Key Player  
Neil Lennon

Position: Defender

97/98 League Record:  
37 APPS/2 GOALS

83%

84%

78%

32%

Dribble Success

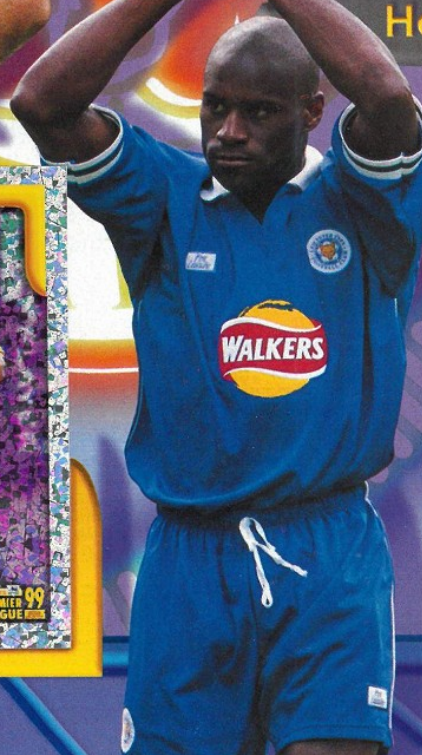
Pass Completion

Tackles Won

Shots on Target



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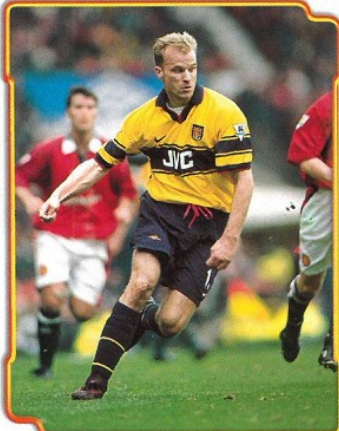
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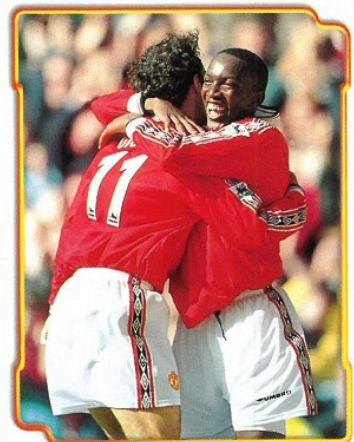
Which current Arsenal star was inducted into the Premier League Hall of Fame for his outstanding performances during the 1997/98 season?

**Q.2**

McDonald's is one of the 8 Official Sponsors of the Champions League. Which Premier League team will be playing against Barcelona, Bayern Munich and Brøndby in this season's tournament?

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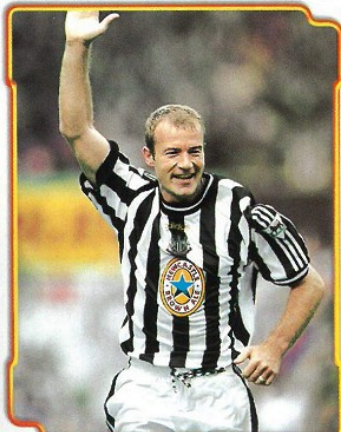
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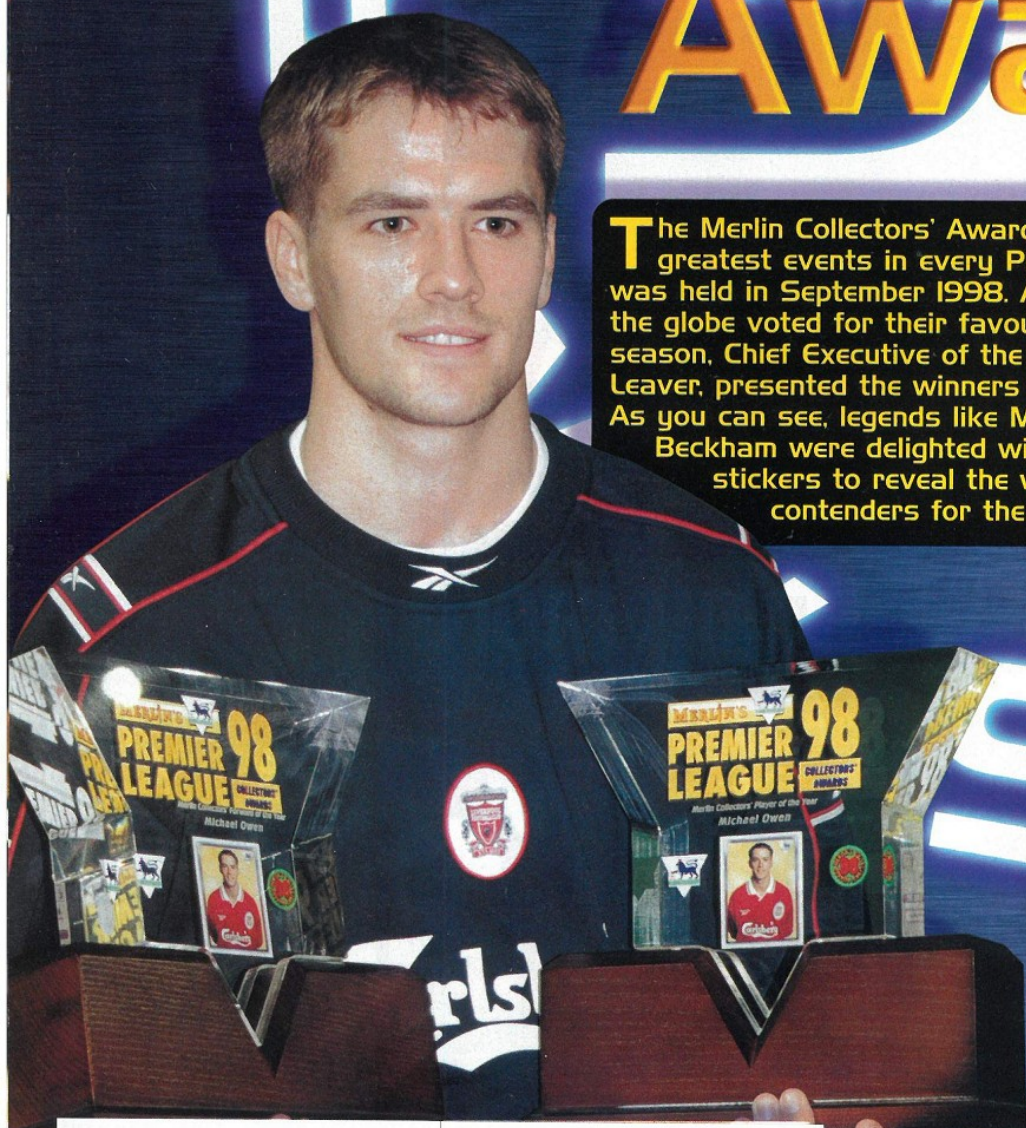
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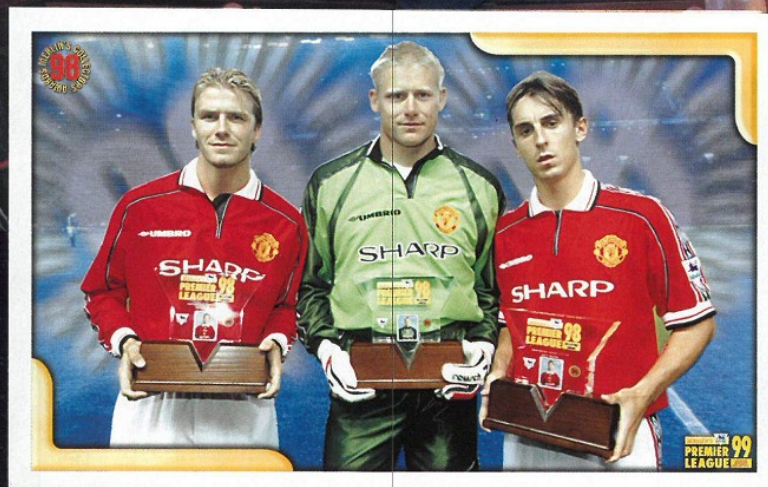


# MERLIN'S Collectors' Awards

**T**he Merlin Collectors' Awards ceremony, one of the greatest events in every Premiership footballer's year, was held in September 1998. After Merlin Collectors around the globe voted for their favourite stars of the 1997/98 season, Chief Executive of the F.A. Premier League, Peter Leaver, presented the winners with their fabulous trophies. As you can see, legends like Michael Owen and David Beckham were delighted with their awards. Fill in the stickers to reveal the winners and some of the contenders for the 1999 awards.



Michael Owen. Merlin Collectors' Player of the Year and Forward of the Year 1998.

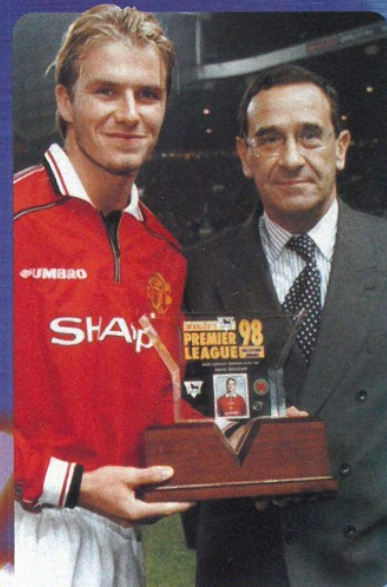
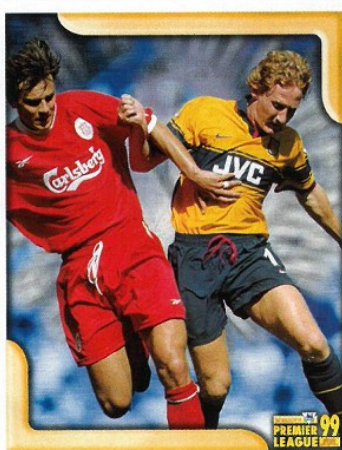
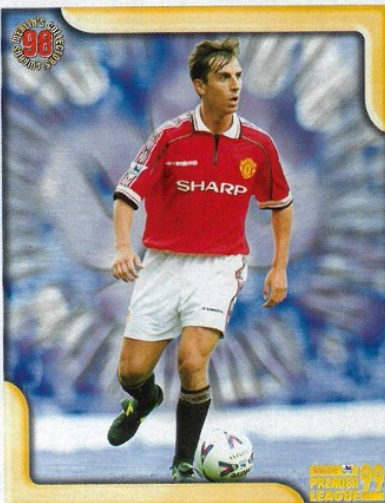


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Peter Schmeichel. Merlin Collectors' Goalkeeper of the Year 1998





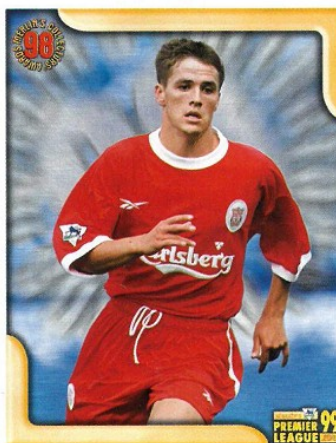
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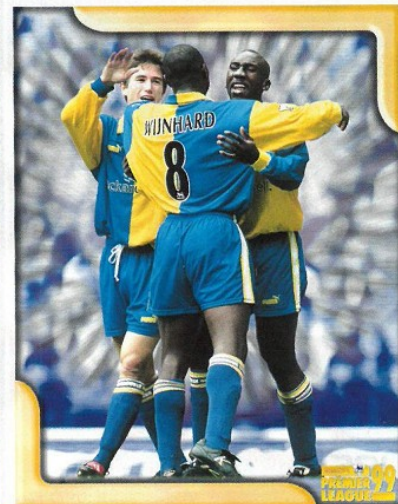
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## Managers

Roy Evans and Gérard Houllier

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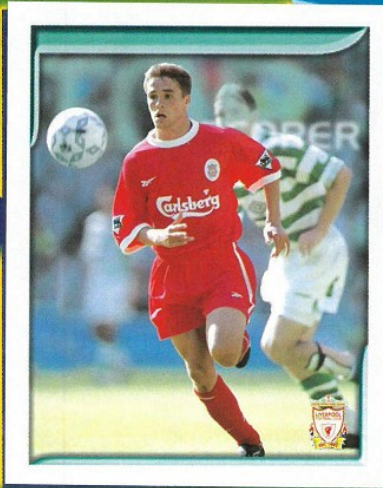
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# 1997-98 Season Goalscorers



Thompson  
Thomas  
McAteer  
Berger  
Redknapp  
Riedle  
Leonhardsen  
Ince  
McManaman  
Fowler  
Owen



## Top Scorer MICHAEL OWEN

During his first full season of Premier League football the young England star was his club's top scorer and the league's joint top scorer with 18 spectacular strikes.

European Super Cup Winners 1977



UEFA (Fairs) Cup Winners 1973, 1976



European Cup Winners 1977, 1978, 1981, 1984



Charity Shield Winners 1964 (shared), 1965, 1966, 1974, 1976, 1977 (shared), 1979, 1980, 1982, 1986 (shared), 1988, 1989, 1990 (shared)



League Cup Winners 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1995



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Team goals for

second half

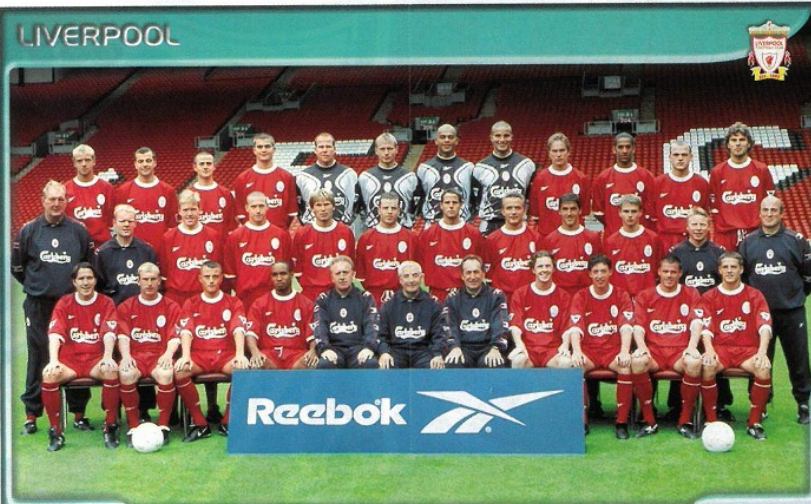


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Team goals against

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LIVERPOOL



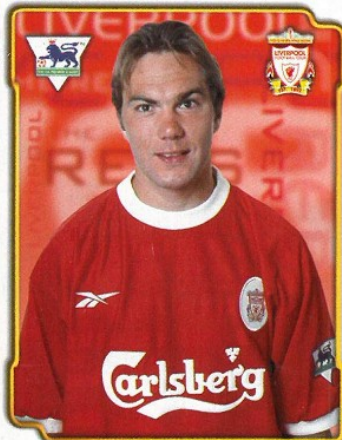
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## Premier League Record

1997-98 3rd  
1996-97 4th  
1995-96 3rd  
1994-95 4th  
1993-94 8th  
1992-93 6th

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## BRAD FRIEDEL

Born: Lakewood, USA, 18-5-71  
Height: 1.91m Weight: 91kg

Friedel was brought in to give David James some competition during last season. He made an immediate impact claiming the number one shirt as his own.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
1996-1997	Columbus Crew, USA	I	38	-
97/98	Liverpool	P	11	-
Totals			49	-

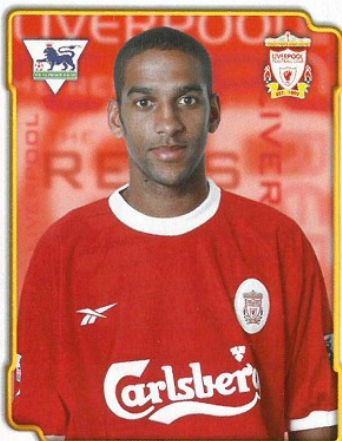
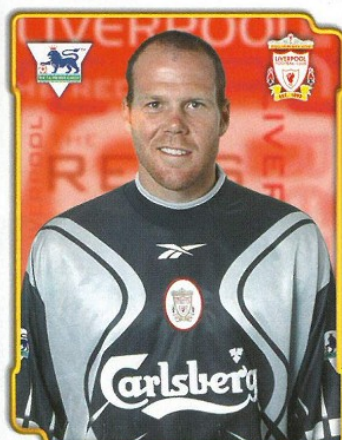
Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
91/92	Bolton W	3	-	-
92/93	Bolton W	2	21	-
93/94-94/95	Bolton W	I	89	8
95/96	Bolton W	P	4	-
95/96-97/98	Liverpool	P	87	3
Totals			201	11

Born: Birkenhead, 18-6-71  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 65kg

The Republic of Ireland international can play as a wing-back, full-back or midfielder. His work-rate is phenomenal and he always plays for the team.

## JASON McATEER

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## STEVE STAUNTON

Born: Drogheda, IRL, 19-4-69  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 78kg

Staunton returned to Liverpool during the summer for his second spell. His intelligent defending and accurate left foot are most welcome at Anfield.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
86/87-87/88	Liverpool	I	1	-
87/88	Bradford (L)	2	8	-
88/89-90/91	Liverpool	I	65	-
91/92	Aston Villa	I	37	4
92/93-97/98	Aston Villa	P	171	18
Totals			281	17

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
88/89-89/90	Millwall	I	-	-
90/91-91/92	Bradford	3	80	14
92/93-94/95	Coventry	P	77	3
94/95-97/98	Liverpool	P	103	1
Totals			260	18

Born: Lambeth, 30-11-70  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 78kg

Babb is a strong and intelligent defender. He reads the game well and his distribution is excellent. A regular for the Republic of Ireland.

## PHIL BABB

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## STEVE HARKNESS

Born: Carlisle, 27-8-71  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 71kg

Harkness is one of Liverpool's most reliable and determined players. Although he's left footed, he can fill in excellently in a variety of positions.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
88/89	Carlisle	4	18	-
89/90-91/92	Liverpool	I	11	-
92/93-93/94	Liverpool	P	21	-
93/94	Huddersfield (L)	2	5	-
94/95	Liverpool	P	8	1
94/95	Southend (L)	I	6	-
95/96-97/98	Liverpool	P	56	1
Totals			120	2

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
1995-1997	Rosenborg, N	I	37	5

Born: Trondheim, N, 13-7-75  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 76kg

Heggen is most comfortable playing on the right side of defence. The young Norwegian is a fantastic crosser of the ball and loves to attack.

## VEGARD HEGGEN

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## STEVE McMANAMAN

Born: Liverpool, 11-2-72  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 66kg

McManaman's goalscoring touch is developing with every game. The enigmatic Englishman is arguably the best dribbling midfielder in the league.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
89/90-91/92	Liverpool	I	32	5
92/93-97/98	Liverpool	P	282	37
Totals			244	42

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
1989-1991	Molde, N	64	9	-
1992-1994	Rosenborg, N	63	20	-
94/95-96/97	Wimbledon	P	76	12
97/98	Liverpool	P	28	6
Totals			231	47

Born: Rosenborg, N, 17-8-70  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 70kg

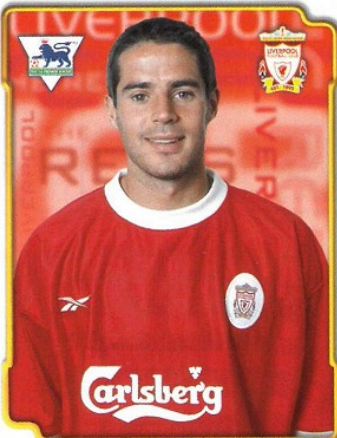
Leonhardsen's anticipation of the game is second to none. The Norwegian's frequent attacking raids on the left of midfield have earned him a fine reputation.

## OYVIND LEONHARDSEN

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## JAMIE REDKNAPP

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
89/90	Bournemouth	2	4	-
90/91	Bournemouth	3	9	-
Jan 91-91/92	Liverpool	1	6	1
92/93-97/98	Liverpool	P	169	18
Totals			188	19

Born: Barton-on-Sea, 25-6-73  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 76kg

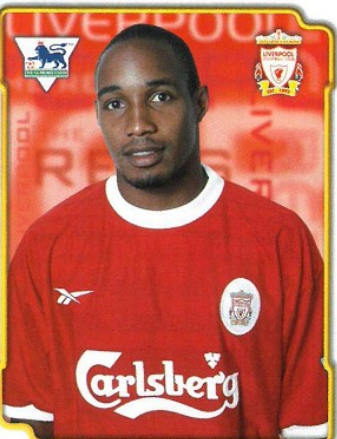
Redknapp is arguably the Premier League's best passer of the ball and his long-range shooting is deadly, especially when taking free-kicks.

Born: Prague, CZ, 10-11-73  
Height: 1.87m Weight: 80kg

Berger is back to his best form. He's got superb striking skills and a fantastic left foot, not to mention good ball skills on the run.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
91/92-94/95	Slavia Prague, CZ		89	24
95/96	B Dortmund, D		25	4
96/97-97/98	Liverpool	P	45	9
Totals			159	37

## PATRIK BERGER



## PAUL INCE

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
85/86-88/89	West Ham	1	71	7
89/90	West Ham	2	1	-
Sep 89-91/92	Man Utd	1	90	6
92/93-94/95	Man Utd	P	116	19
95/96-96/97	Inter Milan, I	A	54	9
97/98	Liverpool	P	31	8
Totals			363	49

Born: Ilford, 21-10-67  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 73kg

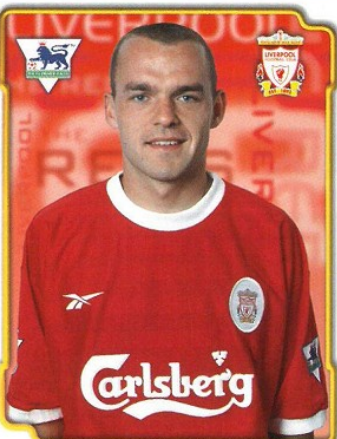
Ince's determined and combative style is an inspiration to all around him. He is Liverpool and England's driving force from midfield.

Born: Bootle, 28-1-78  
Height: 1.85m Weight: 76kg

Carragher is another Anfield youngster with a big future. He's very comfortable on the ball and earned himself two England B caps last season.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
95/96-97/98	Liverpool	P	22	1

## JAMIE CARRAGHER



## DANNY MURPHY

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
93/94	Crewe A	3	12	2
94/95-96/97	Crewe A	2	122	25
97/98	Liverpool	P	16	-
Totals			150	27

Born: Chester, 18-3-77  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 83kg

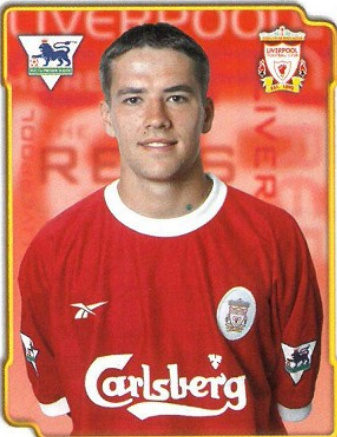
Murphy is a superb talent not to be overlooked. He is most effective as an attacking midfielder but can play up front if required.

Born: Liverpool, 9-4-75  
Height: 1.75m Weight: 73kg

Fowler is returning to the form that made him an Anfield hero. He's got wonderful goalscoring instincts, is deadly shooting with either foot and is a superb header of the ball.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
91/92	Liverpool	1		
92/93-97/98	Liverpool	P	160	92
Totals				160 92

## ROBBIE FOWLER



## MICHAEL OWEN

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
96/97-97/98	Liverpool	P	38	19

Born: Chester, 14-12-79  
Height: 1.76m Weight: 70kg

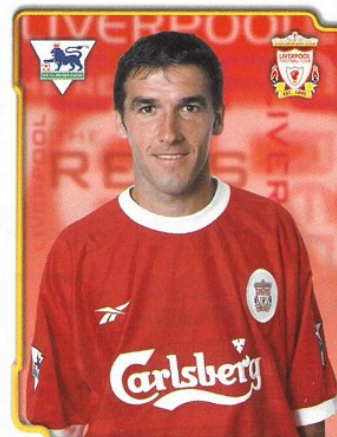
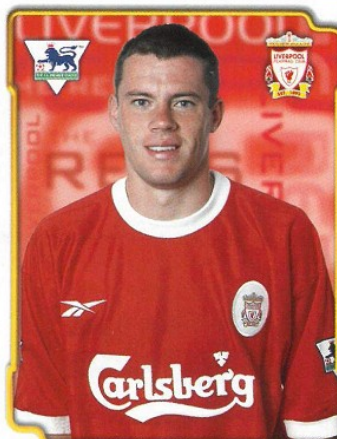
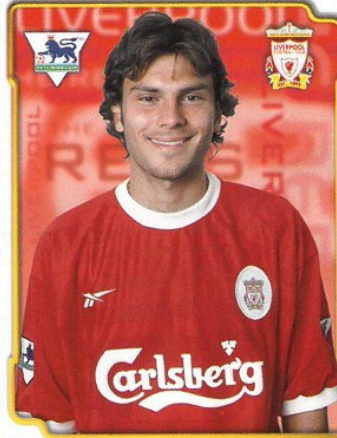
Owen's amazing speed creates havoc whenever and wherever he plays. He's got incredible composure in front of goal and rarely misses the target.

Born: Simmerberg, D, 16-9-65  
Height: 1.79m Weight: 73kg

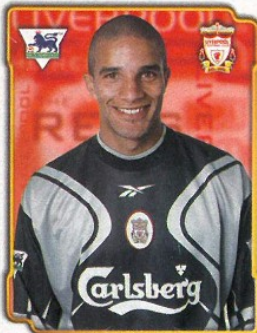
The German's goalscoring pedigree is of the highest quality. He's knocked in goals all over Europe, including two in the 1997 European Cup final.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
86/87	B W 90 Berlin, D	1	34	10
87/88-89/90	W Bremen, D	1	86	38
90/91	Lazio, I	A	33	9
91/92-92/93	Lazio, I	A	51	21
93/94-96/97	B Dortmund, D	1	87	24
97/98	Liverpool	P	25	6
Totals			316	108

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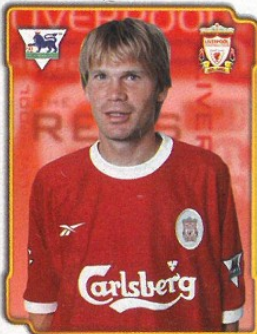


## DAVID JAMES

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
88/89-91/92	Watford	P	89	-
92/93-97/98	Liverpool	P	188	-
Totals			277	-

Born: Welwyn, 1-8-70  
Height: 193m Weight: 95kg

Liverpool's giant goalkeeper is battling hard to be the Reds' undisputed number one. He's a superb shot-stopper who commands his area well.



Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
1991-1996	Rosenborg, N		88	2
96/97-97/98	Liverpool	P	38	-
Totals			126	2

Born: Trondheim, N, 17-7-72  
Height: 187m Weight: 78kg

Kvarme is a versatile defender who played in well over half Liverpool's games last season. He's a reliable and solid performer at full-back or centre-back.

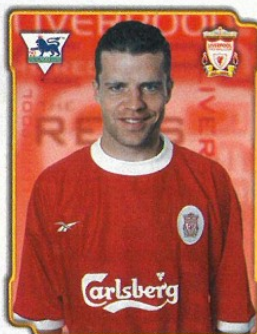
## BJORN TORE KVARME

## STIG INGE BJORNEBYE

Born: Elvrum, N, 11-12-69  
Height: 178m Weight: 74kg

Bjornebye was Liverpool's first Norwegian signing. The left-sided wing-back is an accomplished defender with a rasping left-foot shot.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
1988	Strammen, N		19	-
1989-1991	Kongsvinger, N		62	3
1992	Rosenborg, N		21	3
92/93-97/98	Liverpool	P	116	2
Totals			218	8



Born: Dumfries, 28-4-74  
Height: 1.85m Weight: 74kg

Matteo's good progress last season was rewarded with England B honours. He's a very quick defender and likes to get forward and attack.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
92/93-94/95	Liverpool	P	18	-
94/95	Sunderland (L)	I	1	-
95/96-97/98	Liverpool	P	58	-
Totals			77	-

## DOMINIC MATTEO



## Fans' Favourite Michael Owen

Shots on Target

52%

Dribble Success

73%

Cross Completion

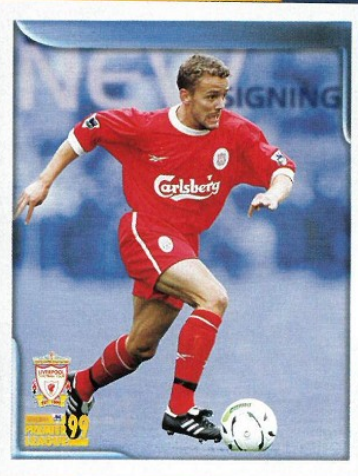
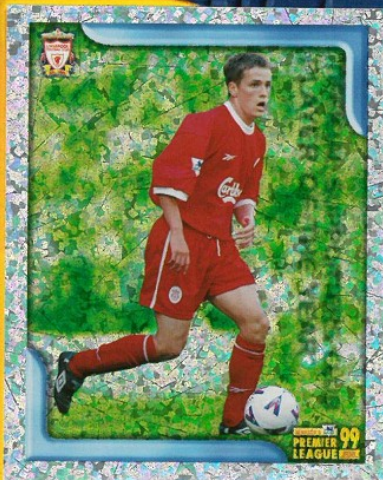
33%

Pass Completion

73%

Position: Forward

97/98 League Record:  
36 APPS/18 GOALS



## 1997/98 Performance Analysis

Team Performance

Leading Player

Shots On Target

Rank  
680 |

Shots On Target

38% | 9=

Owen

53

Pass Completion

79% |

McManaman

1726

Tackles Won

63% | 8=

Ince

117

Dribble Success

80% |

McManaman

340

Cross Completion

29% | 8=

McAteer

26

## Goalscorers Top Ten

\*Player still with club

Fowler\*

92

Rush

45

McManaman\*

37

Collymore

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Barnes

22

Owen\*

18

Redknapp\*

17

Ruddock

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Walters

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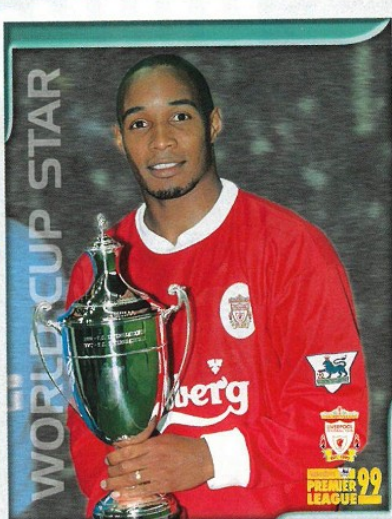
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# 1998 World Cup Star

Paul Ince



Dribble Success

50%

Pass Completion

84%

Tackles Won

77%

Cross Completion

50%



Country: England  
Position: Midfielder

Mins on Pitch: 325  
Goals Scored: 0



Key Player  
Jamie Redknapp

Position: Midfielder

97/98 League Record:  
20 APPS/3 GOALS

79%

82%

61%

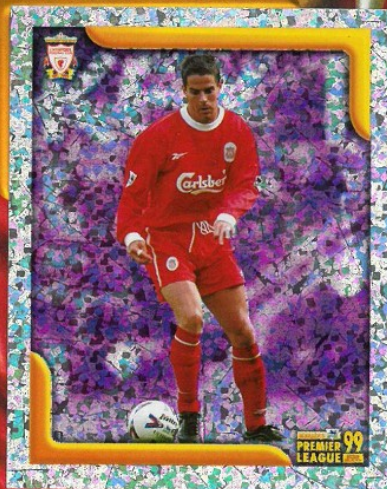
26%

Dribble Success

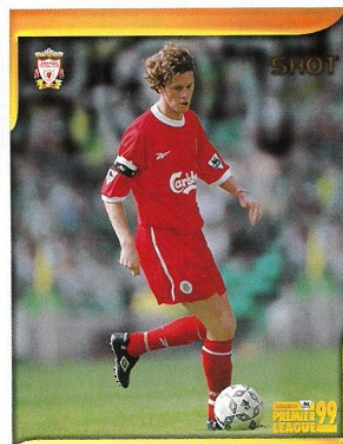
Pass Completion

Tackles Won

Shots on Target



Hotshot



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# Manchester United

Alex Ferguson's Red Devils are on top form and hungry for success this season. With big-money signings Stam, Blomqvist and Yorke now settled at the club and the return of Keane in midfield, United are stronger in all departments. Fierce competition for places and Ferguson's desire for success ensure United will be among the leaders of the pack competing for glory this season.

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### HOW TO GET THERE BY CAR

From the South take the M6 to Junction 19, turning onto the A556 Stockport Road which becomes the A56 at Altringham. This becomes the Chester Road. After nine miles, turn left onto the A5063 Trafford Road, left onto the A5081 Trafford Park Road and left again onto Sir Matt Busby Way. Old Trafford is on the right.

**Manager**  
Alex Ferguson

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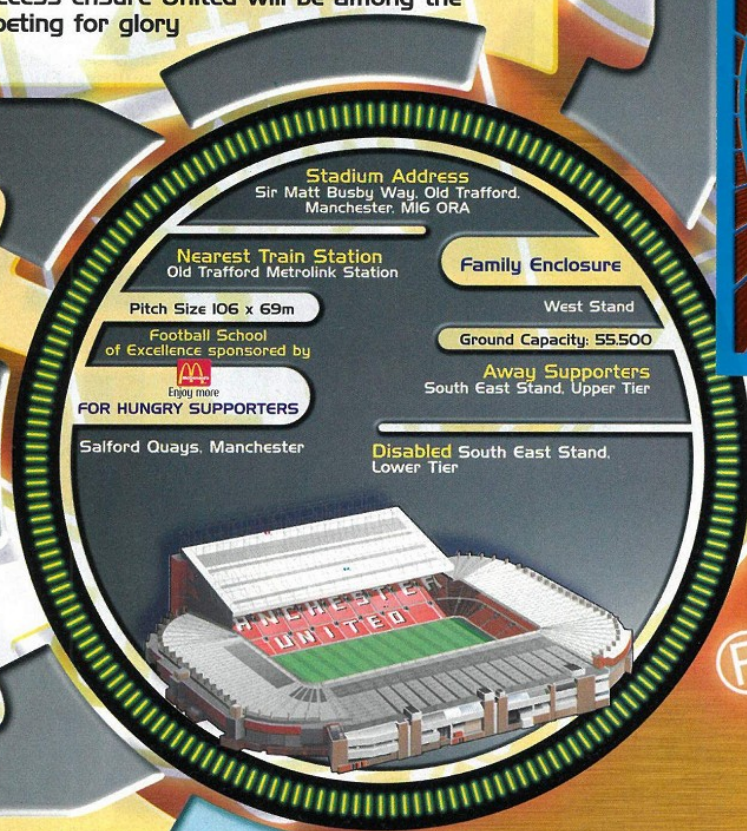


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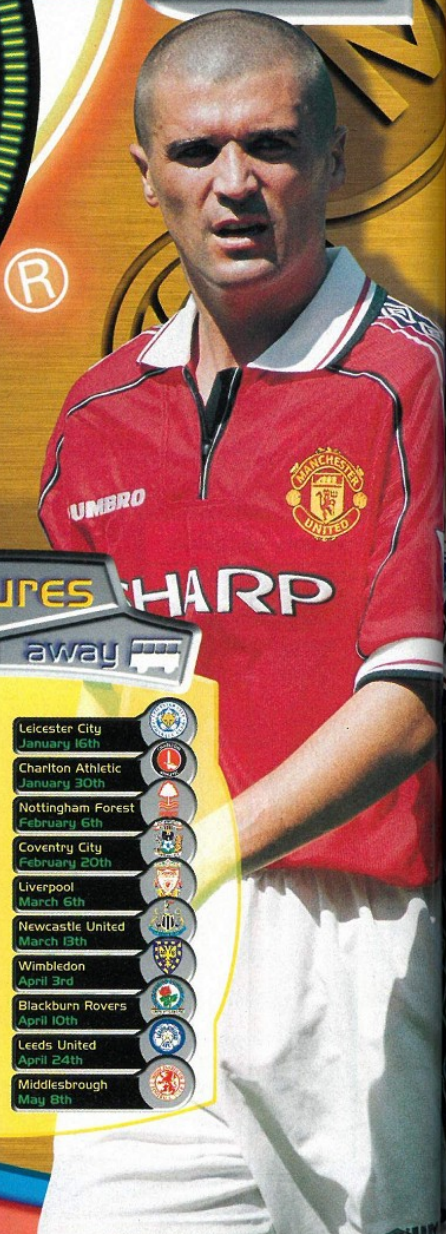
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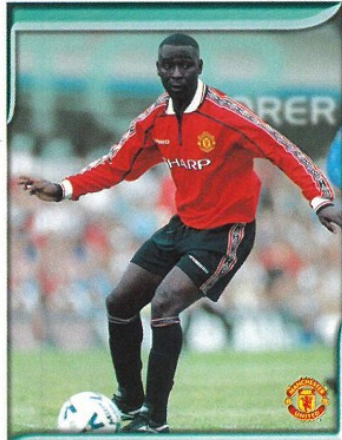
## Fixtures

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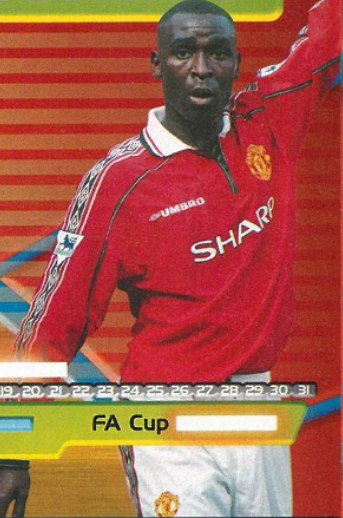
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Tottenham Hotspur May 16th	Blackburn Rovers April 10th
	Leeds United April 24th
	Middlesbrough May 8th



# 1997-98 Season Goalscorers



Berg  
P Neville  
Keane  
Poborsky  
Irwin  
Butt  
Johnsen  
Scholes  
Giggs  
Solskjaer  
Beckham  
Sheringham  
Cole



## Top SCORER ANDY COLE

Cole led Premiership strikers in goals scored in all competitions with 25 strikes. His 16 league goals confirmed his status as one of the Premiership's deadliest strikers.

## When the goals were scored

first half Team goals for second half



first half Team goals against second half

European Super Cup Winners 1991



European Cup Winners' Cup Winners 1991



European Cup Winners 1968



Charity Shield Winners 1908, 1911, 1952, 1956, 1957, 1965 (shared), 1967 (shared), 1977 (shared), 1983, 1990 (shared), 1993, 1996, 1997



League Cup Winners 1992



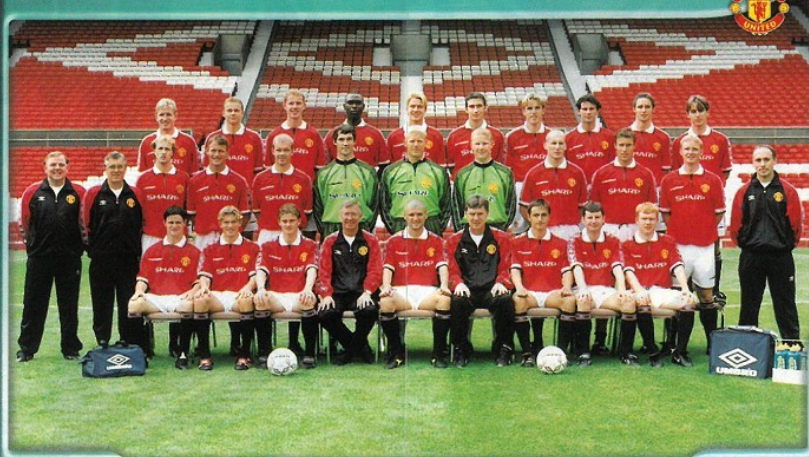
FA Cup Winners 1909, 1948, 1963, 1977, 1983, 1985, 1990, 1994, 1996



League Champions 1907/08, 1910/11, 1951/52, 1955/56, 1956/57, 1964/65, 1966/67, 1992/93, 1993/94, 1995/96, 1996/97



## MANCHESTER UNITED

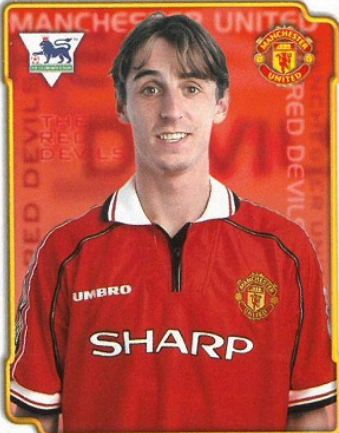


## Premier League Record



MANCHESTER UNITED  
PREMIER LEAGUE 99  
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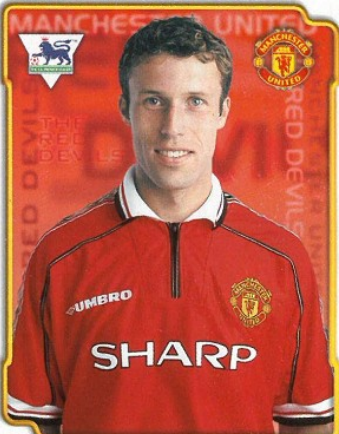
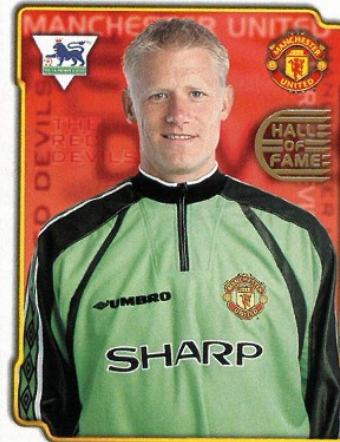
**PETER SCHMEICHEL**

Born: Gladsaxe, DK. 18-11-63  
Height: 193m Weight: 85kg

Regarded by many as the world's best goalkeeper. The Danish giant's reflexes are incredible and his command in the penalty area is second to none.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
1984-1985	Hvidovre, DK		88	6
1987-1991	Brøndby, DK		159	2
91/92	Man Utd	I	40	-
92/93-97/98	Man Utd	P	288	-
Totals			465	8

FA Premier League  
Hall of Fame inductee for 1992/93



**D**

**GARY NEVILLE**

Born: Bury, 18-2-75  
Height: 178m Weight: 72kg

Neville is a very experienced defender considering he's still only 23. He's a fearsome tackler who reads the game exceptionally well.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
92/93-97/98	Man Utd	P	155	1

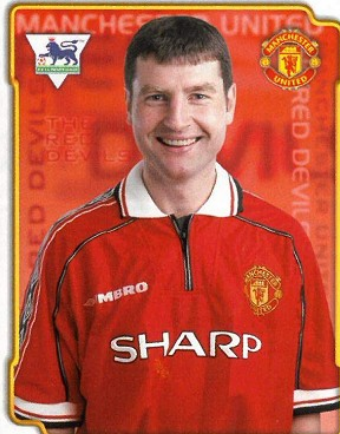
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**DENIS IRWIN**

Born: Cork, IRL. 31-10-65  
Height: 173m Weight: 70kg

Full-back Irwin is often an unsung hero. Happy on the right or left side of defence, he is the club's most consistent performer.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
83/84-85/86	Leeds United	2	72	1
86/87-89/90	Oldham	2	167	4
90/91-91/92	Man Utd	I	72	4
92/93-97/98	Man Utd	P	209	3
Totals			520	22



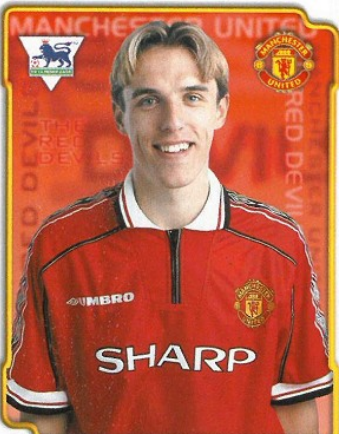
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**RONNY JOHNSEN**

Born: Sanderjord, N. 10-6-69  
Height: 188m Weight: 83kg

The sturdy Scandinavian has proved himself a class performer since joining United. He works hard for the team in either defence or midfield.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
1992-1993	SFK Lyn, N		31	7
1994-1995	Lillestrom, N		23	4
95/96	Besiktas, T		22	1
96/97-97/98	Man Utd	P	53	2
Totals			129	14



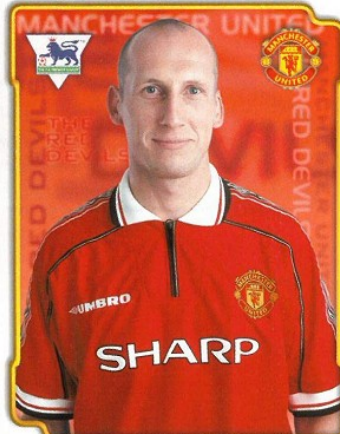
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**JAAP STAM**

Born: Kampen, NL. 17-7-72  
Height: 191m Weight: 84kg

Officially the world's most expensive defender. His defensive qualities, imposing stature and tidy ball skills make him such a valuable asset.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
92/93	FC Zwolle, NL	2	32	1
93/94	C Leeuwarden, NL	1	33	1
94/95	C Leeuwarden, NL	2	39	2
95/96	PSV Eindhoven, NL	1	14	1
95/96	Willem II, NL	1	19	1
96/97-97/98	PSV Eindhoven, NL	1	61	11
Totals			192	17



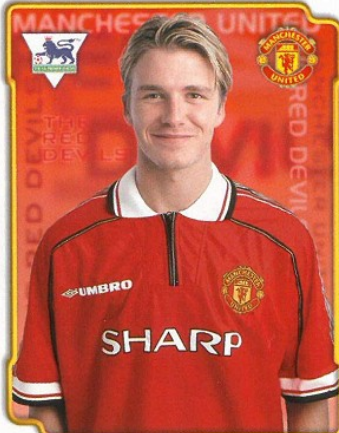
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**PHILIP NEVILLE**

Born: Bury, 21-1-77  
Height: 180m Weight: 76kg

Phil is the younger of United's two Neville brothers. He can play in either full-back position and impressed in a midfield role last season.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
94/95-97/98	Man Utd	P	74	1



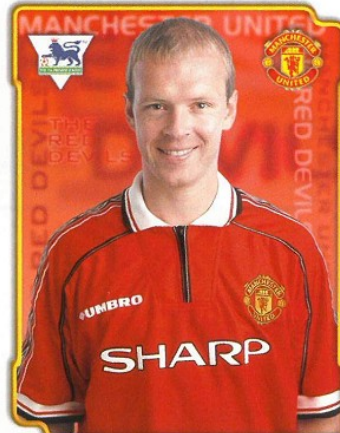
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**HENNING BERG**

Born: Eidsvoll, N. 1-9-69  
Height: 183m Weight: 74kg

The experienced Norwegian international can be relied on to turn in an assured performance when needed. He's a strong tackler and superb all-round defender.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
1989-1991	VIF Fotball, N	I	60	2
1992	Lillestrom, N	I	20	1
92/93-96/97	Blackburn	P	159	4
97/98	Man Utd	P	27	1
Totals			266	8



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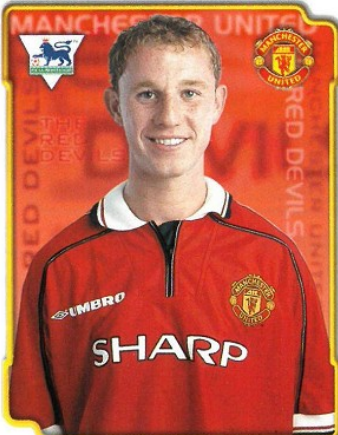
**DAVID BECKHAM**

Born: Leytonstone, 2-5-75  
Height: 180m Weight: 67kg

Beckham's all-round ability is astounding. His range of passing skills and accurate long-range shooting have made him a firm favourite at Old Trafford.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
92/93-94/95	Man Utd	P	4	-
94/95	Preston NE (L)	3	5	2
95/96-97/98	Man Utd	P	106	24
Totals			115	26





## NICKY BUTT

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
92/93-97/98	Man Utd	P	115	11

Born: Manchester, 21-1-75  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 70kg

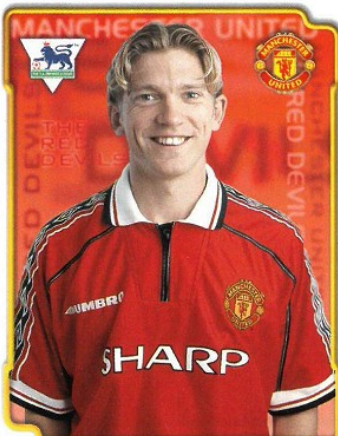
Still in his early 20s, Butt has already racked up over 100 appearances for United. He works tirelessly for his team-mates in the centre of midfield.

Born: Cardiff, 29-11-73  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 68kg

Giggs' skills on the ball are among the best in Europe. Running with the ball at his feet the flying Welsh winger absolutely terrifies defences.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
90/91-91/92	Man Utd	I	40	5
92/93-97/98	Man Utd	P	196	45
Totals			236	50

## RYAN GIGGS



## JESPER BLOMQVIST

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
1992	Umea, S	3	27	6
1993	Umea, S	2	11	2
1993-1996	IFK Gothenburg, S	1	71	19
96/97-97/98	AC Milan, I	A	20	1
97/98	Parma, I	A	26	1
Totals			157	29

Born: Umea, S, 5-2-74  
Height: 1.75m Weight: 73kg

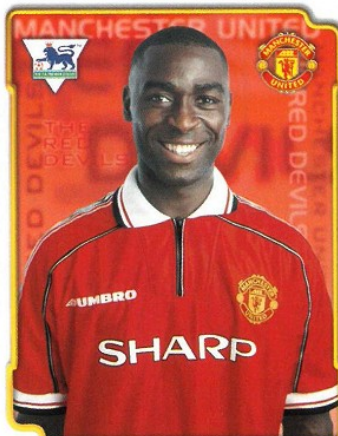
Blomqvist is a pacy, free-running winger in the Ryan Giggs mould. The Swede's close control is excellent and he has a great big-match temperament.

Born: Cork, IRL, 10-8-71  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 71kg

The tough Irishman is a key part of Manchester United's relentless pursuit of glory. Keane's gritty attitude is complemented by his abundant talent.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
90/91-91/92	Nott'm F	I	74	16
92/93	Nott'm F	P	40	6
93/94-97/98	Man Utd	P	121	17
Totals			235	39

## ROY KEANE



## ANDY COLE

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
89/90-90/91	Arsenal	I	1	-
91/92	Arsenal	I	-	-
91/92	Fulham (L)	3	13	3
91/92	Bristol C (L)	2	12	8
92/93	Bristol C	1	29	12
Mar 93	Newcastle	1	12	12
93/94-94/95	Newcastle	P	58	43
94/95-97/98	Man Utd	P	105	45
Totals			230	123

Born: Nottingham, 15-10-71  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 71kg

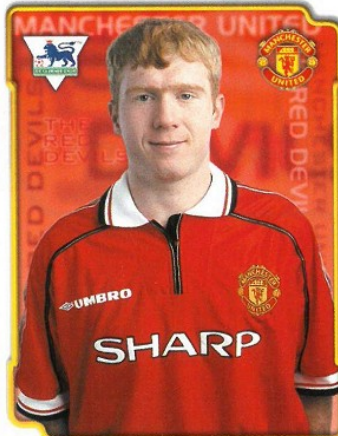
Cole's instinctive awareness makes him a natural goalscorer. He led the Premier League last season in goals scored in all competitions with 25.

Born: Kristiansund, N, 26-2-73  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 74kg

The 'Baby-Faced Assassin' was one of Ferguson's shrewdest signings. Solskjaer matured rapidly at United and was the team's top scorer in 96/97.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
1994	Clausenengen, N	-	-	-
1995	Molde FK, N	2	26	20
96/97-97/98	Man Utd	P	54	24
Totals			80	44

## OLE GUNNAR SOLSKJAER



## PAUL SCHOLES

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
92/93-97/98	Man Utd	P	98	26

Born: Salford, 16-11-74  
Height: 1.72m Weight: 67kg

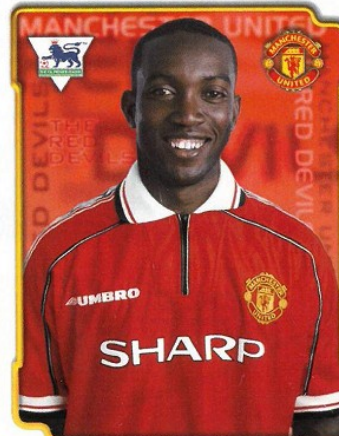
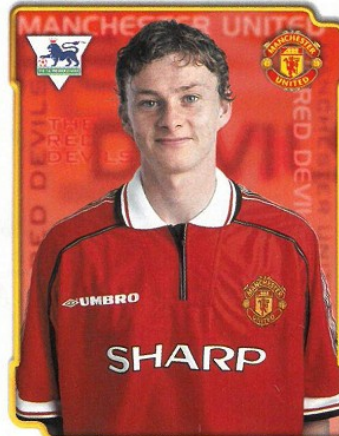
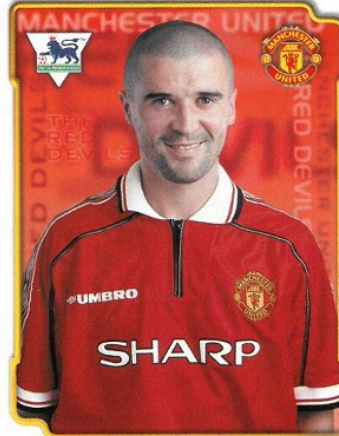
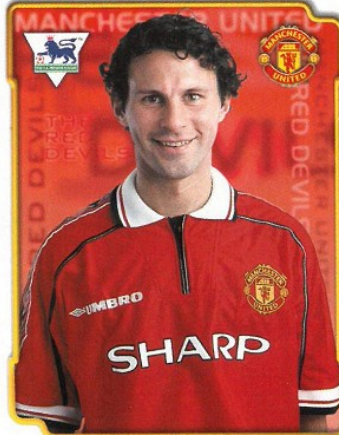
Scholes possesses incredible all-round talents. The young Old Trafford star has a glittering array of skills and a keen eye for goal.

Born: St Clair's, WI, 3-11-71  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 76kg

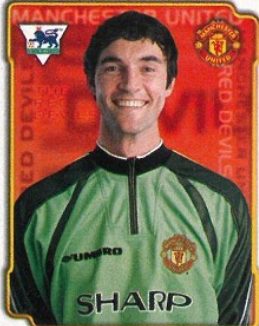
Yorke was Aston Villa's top goalscorer last season. His speed and ability to shoot with either foot make him a defender's nightmare.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
89/90-91/92	Aston Villa	I	52	8
92/93-97/98	Aston Villa	P	178	60
Totals			230	73

## DWIGHT YORKE





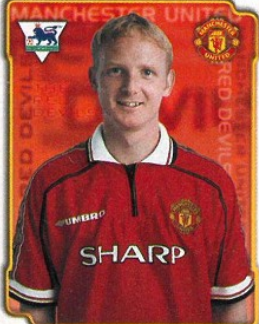


## RAIMOND VAN DER GOUW

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
85/86-87/88	GA Eagles, NL		97	-
88/89-95/96	Vitesse, NL		258	-
96/97-97/98	Man Utd	P	7	-
<b>Totals</b>			<b>362</b>	<b>-</b>

Born: Oldenzaal, NL, 24-3-63  
Height: 1.92m Weight: 83kg

Van Der Gouw is a very experienced goalkeeper who's an excellent stand-in for Peter Schmeichel. He's tall, commanding and has a safe pair of hands.



Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
88/89-91/92	Blackburn		2	49
92/93-93/94	Blackburn	P	74	2
94/95-97/98	Man Utd	P	73	6
<b>Totals</b>			<b>196</b>	<b>9</b>

Born: Oldham, 24-6-70  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 73kg

May is a sound and comfortable defender. He's a superb header of the ball and has lots of pace on the turn.

## DAVID MAY



## JORDI CRUYFF

Born: Amsterdam, NL, 9-2-74  
Height: 1.82m Weight: 70kg

Jordi can play anywhere in the forward line or drop back into a deeper role if needed. He can shoot powerfully with either foot.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
92/93-93/94	Barcelona B, E		47	9
94/95-95/96	Barcelona, E		41	11
96/97-97/98	Man Utd	P	21	3
<b>Totals</b>			<b>109</b>	<b>23</b>

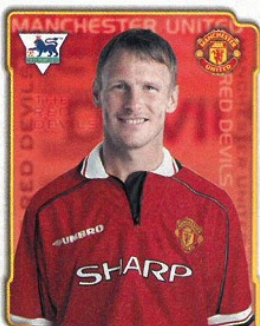


Born: Highams Park, 2-4-66  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 78kg

Sheringham is one of the most intelligent footballers in the game. His unselfish forward play makes him a great team player.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
83/84-84/85	Millwall		3	7
84/85	Aldershot (L)		4	5
85/86-87/88	Millwall		2	103
88/89-89/90	Millwall		1	64
90/91	Millwall		2	46
91/92	Nott'm F		1	39
92/93	Nott'm F	P	3	1
Aug 92-96/97	Tottenham	P	165	76
97/98	Man Utd	P	31	9
<b>Totals</b>			<b>463</b>	<b>192</b>

## TEDDY SHERINGHAM



## Fans' Favourite Ryan Giggs

Shots on Target

43%

Dribble Success

78%

Cross Completion

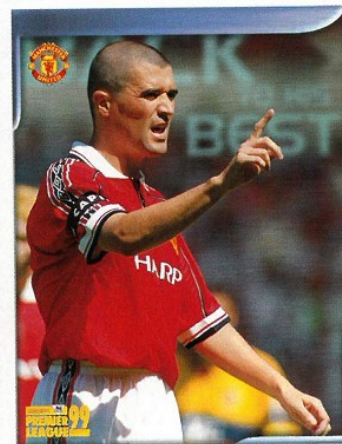
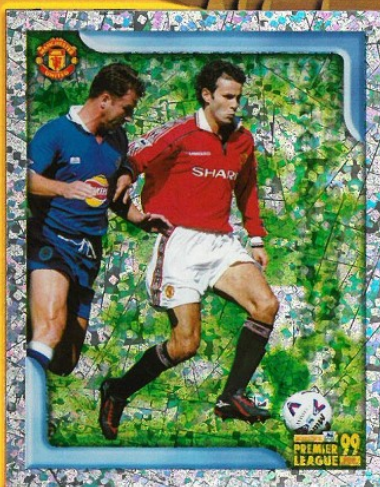
32%

Pass Completion

63%

Position: Midfielder

97/98 League Record:  
29 APPS/8 GOALS



## 1997/98 Performance Analysis

Team Performance

Leading Player

Shots On Target **634** Rank **2**

Shots On Target **38%** Rank **9=**  
**Cole** **65**

Pass Completion **76%** Rank **3**  
**G Neville** **1418**

Tackles Won **63%** Rank **8=**  
**Butt** **93**

Dribble Success **79%** Rank **2**  
**Giggs** **142**

Cross Completion **29%** Rank **8=**  
**Giggs** **46**

## Goalscorers Top Ten

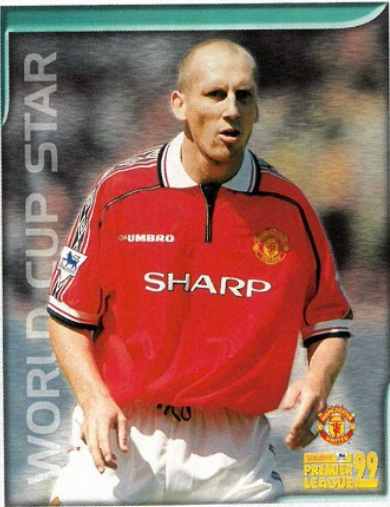
\*Player still with club

Cantona	64
Giggs*	45
Cole*	45
Hughes	34
Scholes*	26
Solskjaer*	24
Kanchelskis	23
McClair*	18
Ince	18
Sharpe	17



# 1998 World Cup Star

## Jaap Stam



Dribble Success

100%

Tackles Won

73%

Short Pass Success

76%

Long Pass Success

73%



Country: Holland  
Position: Defender

Mins on Pitch: 660  
Goals Scored: 0



## Key Player David Beckham

Position: Midfielder

97/98 League Record:  
37 APPS/9 GOALS

42%

82%

29%

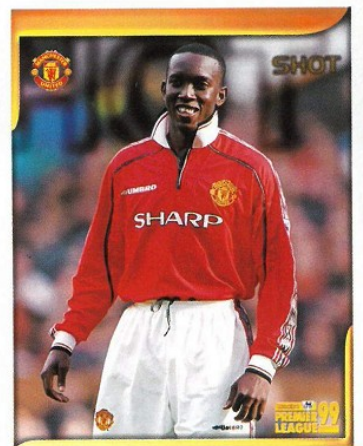
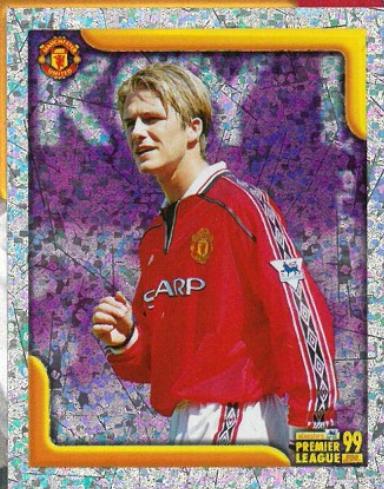
72%

Shots on Target

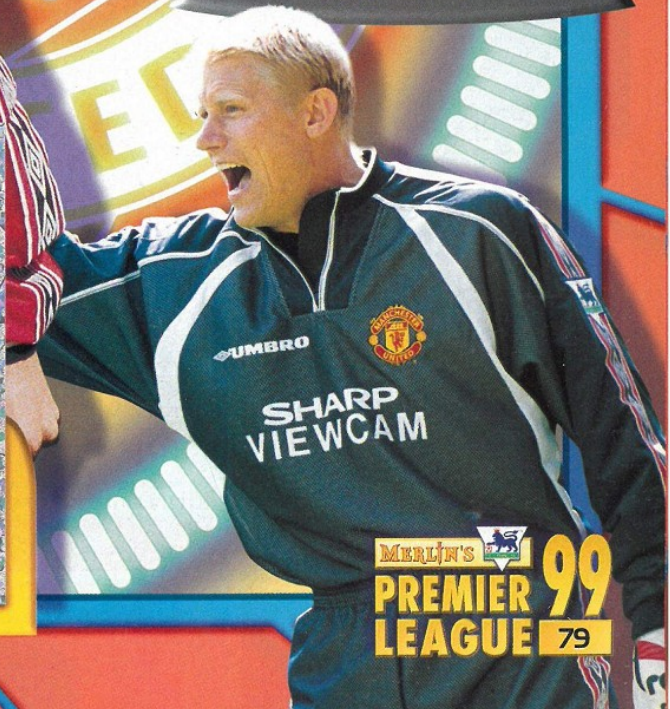
Dribble Success

Cross Completion

Pass Completion



## Hotshot



MERLIN'S  
PREMIER LEAGUE 99  
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# Middlesbrough

Middlesbrough's passionate followers are behind Bryan Robson all the way as he aims to establish Boro in the top flight. After a successful start to their campaign Robson's ambitious team are growing in confidence. With Gascoigne pulling the strings in midfield Boro are a serious attacking threat, while the addition of Gary Pallister has added vital stability to the Middlesbrough defence.

## MERLIN'S Guide to Cellnet Riverside Stadium

### HOW TO GET THERE BY CAR

Approaching Middlesbrough on the A19, turn onto the A66 Middlesbrough bypass east-bound, continuing for three miles until the first roundabout. Turn left into Forest Road and the ground is straight ahead.

**Manager**  
**Bryan Robson**

### ESSENTIAL NUMBERS

Club Number: 01642 877700  
Tickets: 01642 877745  
Credit Card  
Bookings: 01642 877745  
Recorded Info: 01642 877809  
Club Call: 0891 12 11 81\*

\* Calls cost 50p per minute at all times  
Obtain permission from the bill-payer before calling

## Team Kits

### Away Kit

Sky blue and white striped shirts with navy trim, navy shorts with white trim, navy socks with sky blue tops.



### Home Kit

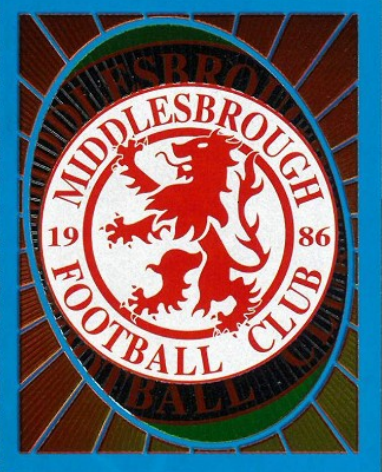
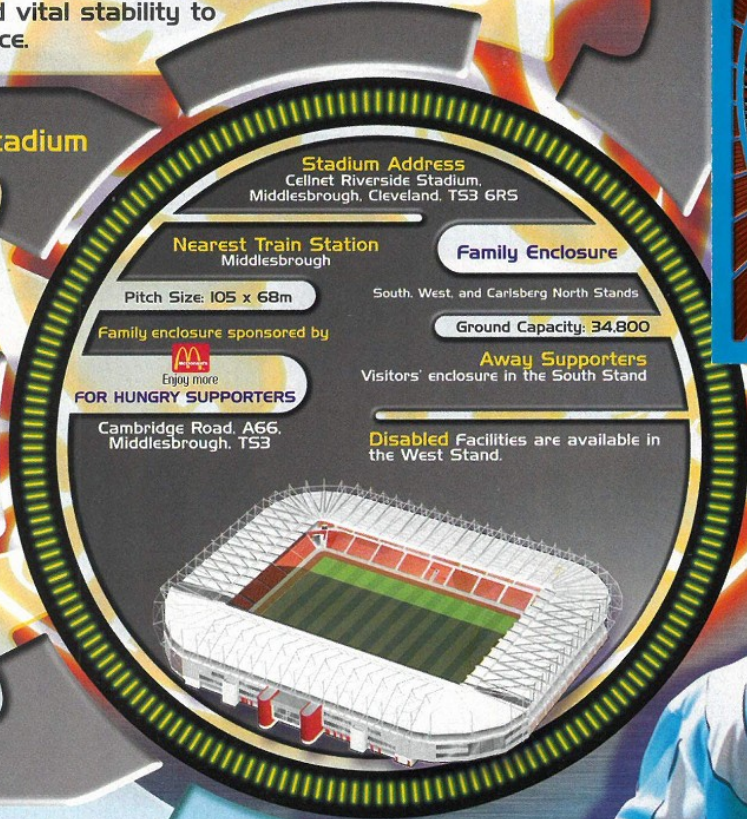
Red shirts with white collars and trim, white shorts with red trim, red socks with navy and white trim.



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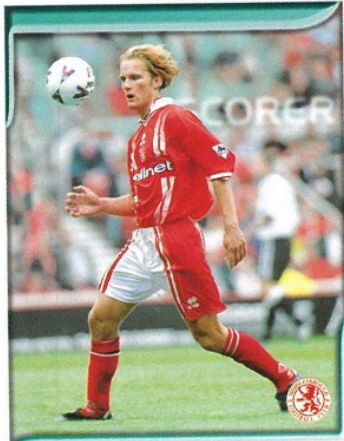
## Fixtures

home	away
Aston Villa January 9th	Leeds United January 16th
Leicester City January 30th	Liverpool February 6th
Tottenham Hotspur February 20th	Everton February 13th
Chelsea March 6th	Sheffield Wednesday February 27th
Southampton March 13th	Nottingham Forest March 20th
Wimbledon April 5th	Blackburn Rovers April 3rd
Charlton Athletic April 10th	Coventry City April 17th
Arsenal April 24th	Newcastle United May 1st
Manchester United May 8th	West Ham United May 16th





# 1997-98 Season Goalscorers



Others  
Townsend  
Festa  
Kinder  
Campbell  
Ormerod  
Maddison  
Emerson  
Mustoe  
Armstrong  
Branca  
Hignett  
Beck  
Merson



## Top Scorer MIKKEL BECK

Mikkel Beck's goals will be vital to Boro's Premier League prospects this season. His 14 league strikes last season are just a taster of the potential of the Danish-born attacker.

## When the goals were scored



League Best Position  
3rd. Division I.  
1913/1914



## MIDDLESBROUGH



## Premier League Record







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## MARK SCHWARZER

Born: Sydney, AUS. 6-10-72  
Height: 1.96m Weight: 86kg

The big Australian's performances in goal were vital in Boro's promotion-winning season. Schwarzer is dominant in the air.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
95/96	Katlehong, D	I	4	-
96/97	Bradford	I	8	-
96/97	Mboro	P	7	-
97/98	Mboro	I	35	2
Totals			59	-

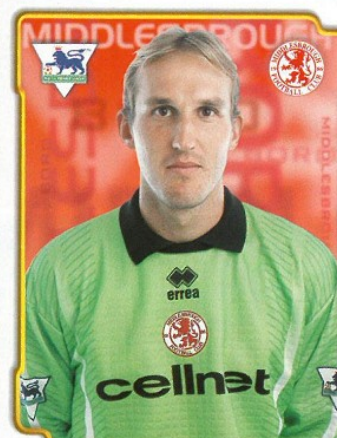
Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
88/89	Swindon	2	-	-
89/90-90/91	St Patrick's	2	-	-
91/92	Mboro	2	28	-
92/93	Mboro	P	24	-
93/94-94/95	Mboro	I	61	-
95/96-96/97	Mboro	P	43	1
97/98	Mboro	I	30	1
Totals			186	2

Born: Manchester, 8-10-68  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 80kg

Fleming is one of the club's most consistent performers. He can play in either full-back berth and is a full Republic of Ireland international.

## CURTIS FLEMING

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## DEAN GORDON

Born: Croydon, 10-2-73  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 72kg

Gordon is a quick, hard-running full-back with an eye for goal. He excelled for Palace last season and is pushing for an England place.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
91/92	Crystal P	I	4	-
92/93	Crystal P	P	10	-
93/94	Crystal P	I	45	5
94/95	Crystal P	P	41	2
95/96-96/97	Crystal P	I	64	11
97/98	Crystal P	P	37	2
Totals			201	20

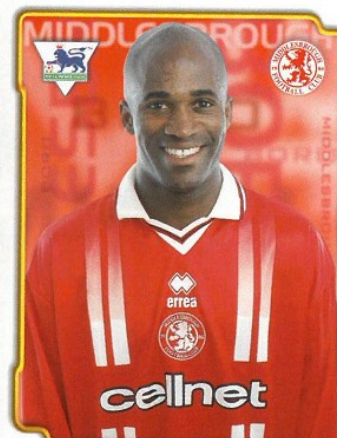
Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
85/86-88/89	Tranmere	4	81	6
89/90-90/91	Tranmere	3	84	4
91/92	Tranmere	2	43	1
92/93-93/94	Tranmere	1	53	-
Nov 93-94/95	Mboro	I	70	6
95/96-96/97	Mboro	P	61	1
97/98	Mboro	I	33	-
Totals			475	18

Born: Bishop Auckland, 13-10-67  
Height: 1.88m Weight: 76kg

A very competent defender who cleverly blends his experience and talent. Vickers is in his sixth season with Boro and keeps getting better.

## STEVE VICKERS

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## GIANLUCA FESTA

Born: Cagliari, I, 15-3-69  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 85kg

The Italian defender is a tough competitor with bags of experience. His organisational skills are excellent and he's a real threat at set pieces.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
86/87	Cagliari, I	B	3	-
87/88	Ferentino, I	-	26	2
88/89	Cagliari, I	C1	27	-
89/90	Cagliari, I	B	36	-
90/91-92/93	Cagliari, I	A	90	-
93/94	Roma, I	A	21	1
93/94-96/97	Inter Milan, I	A	66	3
96/97	Mboro	P	8	1
97/98	Mboro	I	38	2
Totals			320	9

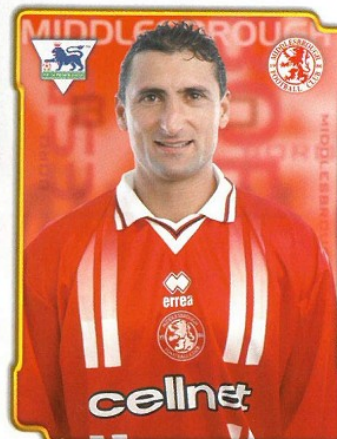
Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
84/85-85/86	Mboro	2	28	-
85/86	Darlington (L)	3	7	-
86/87	Mboro	3	44	1
87/88	Mboro	2	44	3
88/89	Mboro	1	37	1
89/90	Mboro	2	3	-
Sep 89-91/92	Man Utd	I	111	4
92/93-97/98	Man Utd	P	206	8
Totals			480	17

Born: Ramsgate, 30-6-65  
Height: 1.93m Weight: 84kg

Pallister's anticipation of the game is still as sharp as ever and he's an important part of Boro's defence. He's exceptionally strong in the air.

## GARY PALLISTER

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## VLADIMIR KINDER

Born: Bratislava, SK, 9-3-69  
Height: 1.73m Weight: 81kg

Kinder is a Slovakian international who plays on the left side of defence. He's very experienced and likes to get forward as often as possible.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
90/91-96/97	S Bratislava, CZ	I	161	22
96/97	Mboro	P	6	1
97/98	Mboro	I	26	2
Totals			193	25

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
84/85-85/86	Mboro	2	11	-
86/87	Mboro	3	46	-
87/88	Mboro	2	43	2
88/89	Mboro	1	35	2
89/90-90/91	Mboro	2	53	2
91/92	Millwall	2	36	2
92/93	Millwall	1	41	4
93/94	Nott'm F	I	37	7
94/95-96/97	Nott'm F	P	108	8
97/98	Nott'm F	1	25	5
Totals			445	32

Born: Durham, 28-2-67  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 72kg

Cooper is a former Boro defender who has returned to Teesside. The former Forest captain is a solid tackler who motivates his team-mates to great effect.

## COLIN COOPER

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## ROBBIE MUSTOE

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Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
86/87-87/88	Oxford U	I	20	-
88/89-89/90	Oxford U	2	71	10
90/91-91/92	M'boro	2	71	6
92/93	M'boro	P	23	1
93/94-94/95	M'boro	I	65	5
95/96-96/97	M'boro	P	52	4
97/98	M'boro	I	32	3
Totals			334	29

Born: Oxford, 28-8-68  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 67kg  
Mustoe is Boro's workhorse. He's an experienced player, a tireless worker and an attacking threat when he breaks from midfield.



Born: Gateshead, 27-5-67  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 73kg

Gazza's genius is still there in great abundance. He's got wonderful vision, superb passing skills and a razor-sharp football brain.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
84/85-87/88	Newcastle	I	92	21
88/89-91/92	Tottenham	I	92	19
92/93-94/95	Lazio, I	A	41	6
95/96-97/98	Rangers	SP	74	30
97/98	M'boro	I	7	-
Totals			306	76

## PAUL GASCOIGNE

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## ALAN MOORE

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Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
91/92	M'boro	2	-	-
92/93	M'boro	P	2	-
93/94-94/95	M'boro	I	79	14
95/96-96/97	M'boro	P	29	-
97/98	M'boro	I	4	-
Totals			114	14

Born: Dublin, IRL, 25-11-74  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 69kg

Moore is a young Irish midfielder. He can play in the centre of midfield or he can use his neat skills and pace in a wider role.



Born: Middlesbrough, 12-12-75  
Height: 1.75m Weight: 73kg

Stamp's bullocking style has become a familiar sight at the Riverside Stadium. He's a tidy and strong competitor with great determination.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
92/93	M'boro	P	-	-
93/94-94/95	M'boro	I	18	-
95/96-96/97	M'boro	P	26	3
97/98	M'boro	I	10	-
Totals			59	3

## PHIL STAMP

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## ANDY TOWNSEND

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Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
84/85-87/88	Southampton	I	83	5
88/89-89/90	Norwich	I	71	8
90/91-91/92	Chelsea	I	69	8
92/93	Chelsea	P	41	4
93/94-96/97	Aston Villa	P	181	8
97/98	M'boro	I	37	2
Totals			432	35

Born: Maidstone, 23-7-63  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 82kg  
The Republic of Ireland international is a key member of the Boro squad. His unique drive and tenacity helped secure promotion last season.



Born: Grosseto, I, 6-1-65  
Height: 1.84m Weight: 74kg

Branca's red-hot form towards the end of last season helped Boro win promotion. He's an experienced and instinctive striker.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
81/82	Grosseto, I	CE	-	-
82/83	Cagliari, I	A	12	2
83/84-85/86	Cagliari, I	A	58	24
86/87	Udinese, I	A	18	1
87/88	Sampdoria, I	B	9	1
88/89	Udinese, I	A	26	1
89/90	Udinese, I	A	27	9
90/91	Sampdoria, I	A	20	5
91/92	Florentina, I	A	23	5
92/93-93/94	Udinese, I	A	52	22
94/95	Parma, I	A	25	7
95/96	Roma, I	A	7	2
96/97-97/98	Inter Milan, I	A	52	23
97/98	M'boro	I	1	1
Totals			330	93

## MARCO BRANCA

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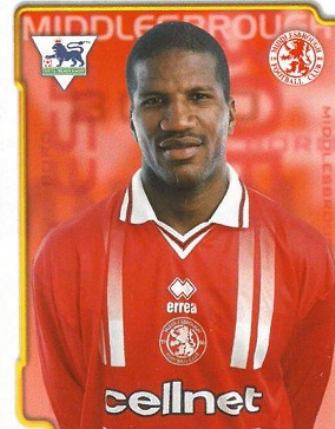
## MIKKEL BECK

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Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
92/93	B 1909, D	I	13	2
93/94-95/96	F Cologne, D	2	79	26
96/97	M'boro	P	25	5
97/98	M'boro	I	38	14
Totals			155	47

Born: Aarhus, DK, 12-5-73  
Height: 1.87m Weight: 80kg

Beck was Boro's top scorer last season scoring 14 league goals. The Dane's main threat is in the air where he uses his height to great effect.



Born: Quibdo Choco, COL, 12-1-74  
Height: 1.87m Weight: 91kg

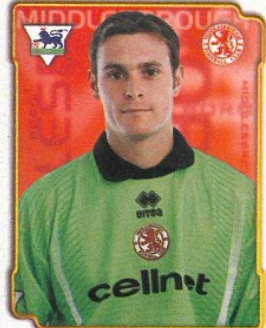
The big Colombian centre-forward joined Boro towards the end of last season. An ideal target man, he is strong in the air and hard to push off the ball.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
93-97	Deportivo C, COL		78	22
97/98	M'boro	I	9	2
Totals			87	24

## HAMILTON RICARD

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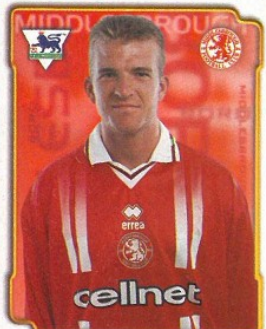


## MARLON BERESFORD

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
87/88-89/90	Sheff W		1	-
89/90	Bury (L)		-	-
90/91	Sheff W		-	-
91/92	Northampton (L)		13	-
92/93	Sheff W		-	-
93/94	Northampton (L)		15	-
94/95	Burnley		44	-
95/96-96/97	Burnley		46	-
97/98	Burnley		40	-
97/98	M'boro		76	-
Totals			241	-

Born: Lincoln, 2-6-69  
Height: 1.85m Weight: 85kg

Beresford was an inspired signing during Boro's promotion push last season. The experienced stopper kept a clean sheet in each of his three appearances.

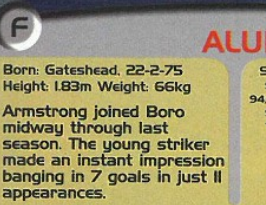


Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
87/88-91/92	Southampton	I	17	2
92/93-97/98	Southampton	P	151	17
97/98	M'boro	I	22	4
Totals			190	23

Born: Darlington, 2-40-69  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 67kg

Maddison was an integral part of Boro's promotion-winning side last season. The versatile midfielder made 22 appearances and contributed 4 goals.

## NEIL MADDISON



## ALUN ARMSTRONG

Born: Gateshead, 22-2-75  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 66kg

Armstrong joined Boro midway through last season. The young striker made an instant impression banging in 7 goals in just 11 appearances.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
93/94	Newcastle		-	-
94/95-97/98	Stockport		130	36
97/98	M'boro	I	11	7
Totals			141	43



Born: Middlesbrough, 18-4-79  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 68kg

Boro's teenage striker will relish the opportunity of playing in the Premiership. He's a naturally gifted forward with superb composure in front of goal.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
95/96-96/97	M'boro	P	5	-
97/98	M'boro	I	7	-
Totals			12	-

## ANDY CAMPBELL



## Loyal Servant Curtis Fleming

Curtis Fleming is one of Middlesbrough's longest-serving professionals. The Republic of Ireland international defender is in his eighth season with Boro and continues to produce performances of the highest quality. He's a crowd favourite at the Cellnet Riverside Stadium and is due to make his 200th appearance for the club this season.

Position: Defender

97/98 League Record:  
30 APPS/1 GOAL



## 1997/98

### Performance Analysis

Home Performance	Away Performance
Unbeaten Run	Rank 9 5=
Goals Scored (H)	51 2
Goals Scored (A)	26
Clean Sheets (H)	12 1=
Clean Sheets (A)	6
Goal Diff. (H)	39 1
Goal Diff. (A)	-3
Games Won (H)	74% 2=
Games Won (A)	43%
Points Won (H)	55 3
Points Won (A)	36



## Goalscorers Top Ten

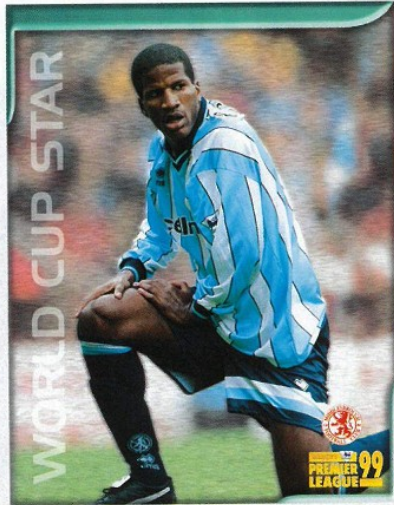
\*Player still with club

Ravanelli	16
Juninho	14
Wilkinson	14
Hignett	13
Hendrie	10
Barmby	8
Fjortoft	6
Beck*	5
Mustoe*	5
Falconer	5



## 1998 World Cup Star

Hamilton Ricard



Shots on Target

Shots off Target

Shots on Target

Pass Completion

50%

67%



Country: Colombia  
Position: Forward

Mins on Pitch: 45  
Goals Scored: 0

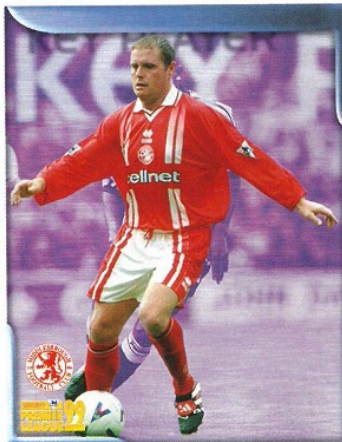


**Key Player**  
Paul Gascoigne

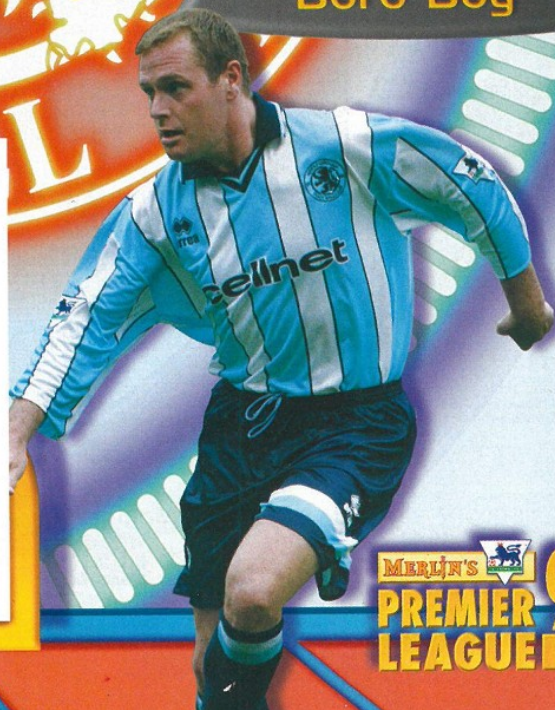
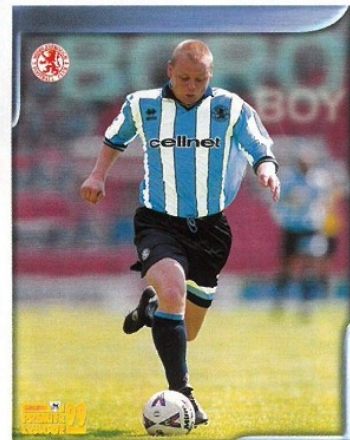
Position: Midfielder

97/98 League Record:  
27 APPS/3 GOALS

Gazza is English football's most vivacious character. He's got a unique desire and appetite for the game that rubs off on all those around him. His natural talents are breathtaking and enable him to control the tempo of any game he's involved in. He can accurately pass with either foot and shoot with power and precision whenever a chance presents itself.



**Boro Boy**



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# Newcastle United

The appointment of Ruud Gullit as the Magpies' manager and the addition of some important signings in the summer confirm Newcastle's Premiership ambitions. Gullit's wealth of tactical experience is proving vital as his strong, versatile squad grows in confidence. With a team packed with big names and a passionate legion of followers, Newcastle are a potent Premiership force.

## MERLIN'S Guide to St James' Park

### HOW TO GET THERE BY CAR

From the South turn off the A1(M) at the junction with the A1 and continue along the A1 until you reach the junction with the A184. Turn onto the A184 and continue along this road, bearing left onto the A189. Continue over the River Tyne, straight over the roundabout onto Blenheim Street and continue until you reach Bath Lane. Turn left into Bath Lane, right into Corporation Street and left at the roundabout into Gallowgate. The ground is straight ahead of the next roundabout.

### Manager Ruud Gullit

OFFICIAL WEBSITE  
<http://www.nufc.co.uk>

### ESSENTIAL NUMBERS

Club Number: 0191 201 8400  
Tickets: 0191 261 1571  
Credit Card  
Bookings: 0191 261 1571  
Recorded Info: 0191 201 8400  
Club Call: 0891 12 11 90\*

\* Calls cost 50p per minute at all times  
Obtain permission from the bill-payer before calling.

## Team Kits

### Away Kit

Royal blue shirts, shorts and socks with gold trim.

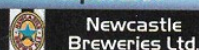


### Home Kit

Black and white striped shirts, black shorts and socks with white trim.



### Sponsor



### Kit Manufacturer



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Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, NE1 4ST

**Nearest Train Station**  
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Pitch Size: 105 x 68m

Family stand sponsored by



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Sir John Hall Stand East Corner

**Disabled** There are spaces for 95 wheelchairs and helpers situated in Sir John Hall and Exhibition Stands



## Fixtures

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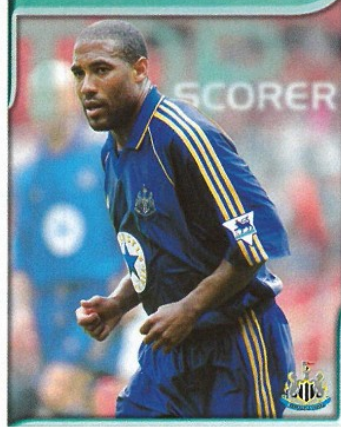
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	Middlesbrough
	Blackburn Rovers

	Charlton Athletic
	Leeds United
	Southampton
	Nottingham Forest
	West Ham United
	Derby County
	Sheffield Wednesday
	Wimbledon
	Leicester City





# 1997-98 Season Goalscorers



Others  
Andersson  
Asprilla  
Beresford  
Speed  
Batty  
Rush  
Barton  
Gillespie  
Lee  
Tomasson  
Ketsbaia  
Barnes  
Shearer



## Top Scorer JOHN BARNES

While Alan Shearer was injured, John Barnes was called in to deputise for the Magpies' leading striker. Although better known for his midfield skills, Barnes proved equally capable up front.

## When the goals were scored



UEFA (Fairs) Cup  
Winners  
1969



Charity Shield Winners  
1909



FA Cup Winners  
1910, 1924, 1932, 1951,  
1952, 1955



League Champions  
1904/05, 1906/07,  
1908/09, 1926/27



## NEWCASTLE UNITED

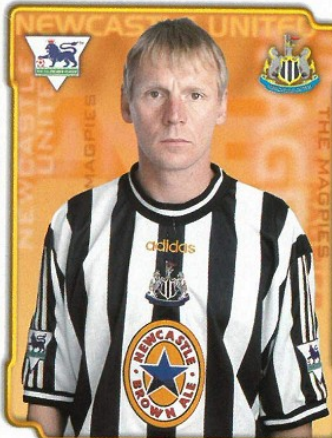


## Premier League Record

1997-98	13th
1996-97	2nd
1995-96	2nd
1994-95	6th
1993-94	3rd
1992-93 Division I	1st

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## SHAY GIVEN

Born: Lifford, IRL, 20-4-76  
Height: 1.88m Weight: 84kg

The young Irishman's athleticism and agility make him a very difficult goalkeeper to beat. He's an outstanding and dependable international keeper.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
94/95	Blackburn	P	-	-
94/95	Swindon (L)	I	-	-
95/96	Blackburn	P	-	-
95/96	Swindon (L)	2	5	-
95/96	Sunderland (L)	I	17	-
96/97	Blackburn	P	2	-
97/98	Newcastle	P	24	-
Totals			48	-

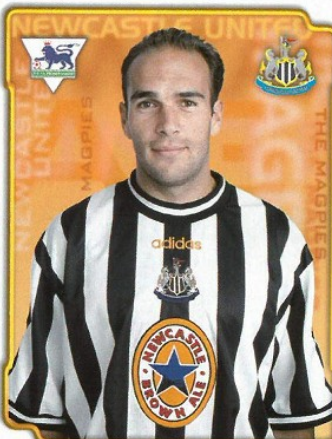
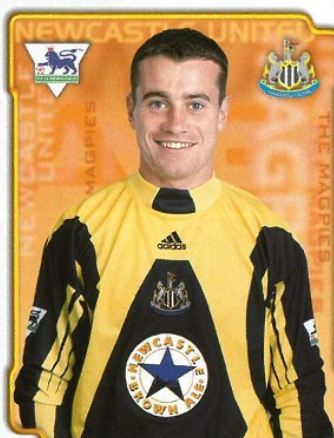
Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
83/84-84/85	Coventry	I	51	4
85/86-91/92	Nott'm F	I	236	39
92/93	Nott'm F	P	23	2
93/94	Nott'm F	I	42	6
94/95-96/97	Nott'm F	P	100	16
97/98	Newcastle	P	25	-
Totals			477	67

Born: Shepherds Bush, 24-4-62  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 80kg

The experienced left-back's passion and determination for the game are unrivalled. He has a thunderous left-foot shot and is a real threat from set pieces.

## STUART PEARCE

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## ALESSANDRO PISTONE

Born: Milan, I, 27-7-75  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 77kg

Pistone is a confident full-back with good ball skills who likes to venture down Newcastle's left flank. He can also play as a centre-back.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
92/93	Vicenza, I	C1	-	-
93/94	Solbiatese, I	C2	20	1
94/95	Crevolcore, I	C1	29	4
95/96	Vicenza, I	A	6	-
95/96-96/97	Inter Milan, I	A	45	1
97/98	Newcastle	P	28	-
Totals			128	6

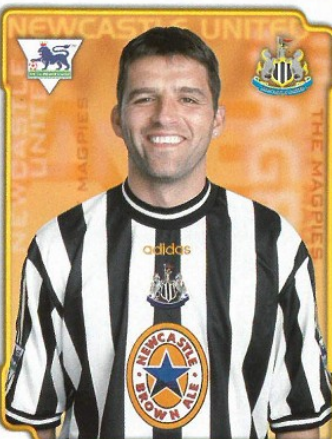
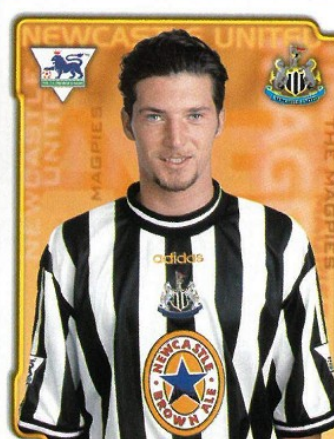
Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
94/95-97/98	Cannes, F	I	99	19
97/98	Chelsea	P	11	2
Totals			110	21

Born: Beziers, F, 8-5-73  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 79kg

Charvet spent the end of last season making 11 appearances for Chelsea. He's a speedy wing-back who is capable of scoring spectacular goals.

## LAURENT CHARVET

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## STEVE WATSON

Born: North Shields, 1-4-74  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 79kg

Watson is one of the club's most determined performers. He's a versatile right-sided operator who can play in defence or midfield.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
90/91-91/92	Newcastle	2	52	1
92/93	Newcastle	I	2	-
93/94-97/98	Newcastle	P	147	11
Totals			201	12

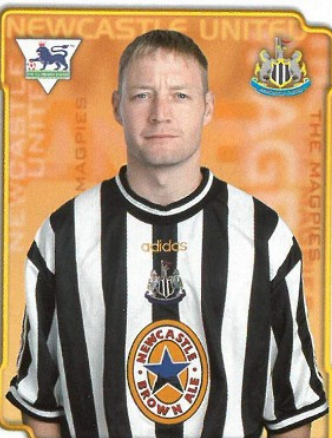
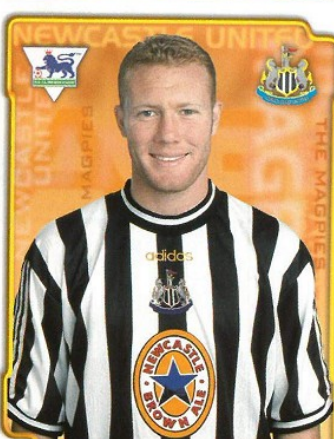
Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
87/88-88/89	Charleroi, B	1	65	7
89/90-91/92	Mechelen, B	1	87	5
92/93-93/94	Anderlecht, B	1	50	9
94/95-97/98	Newcastle	P	91	8
Totals			293	29

Born: Bullion, B, 10-8-67  
Height: 1.90m Weight: 90kg

The big Belgian international centre-back is in his fifth season at St James' Park. He's a strong opponent who likes to play his way out of defence.

## PHILIPPE ALBERT

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## NIKOLAOS DABIZAS

Born: Arnypeo, GR, 3-8-73  
Height: 1.86m Weight: 80kg

The Greek international centre-back quickly won a starting spot in the Newcastle line-up after his mid-season transfer. He can also play in midfield.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
95/96-97/98	Olympiakos, GR	I	57	1
97/98	Newcastle	P	11	1
Totals			68	2

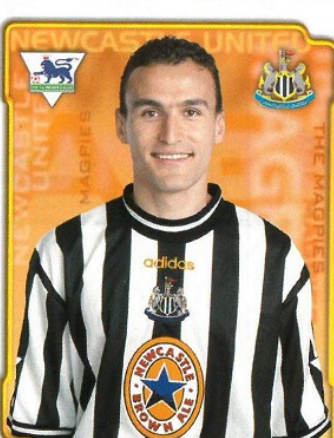
Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
87/88-88/89	Leeds United	2	95	1
90/91-91/92	Leeds United	I	77	2
92/93-93/94	Leeds United	P	39	1
Oct 93-95/96	Blackburn	P	54	1
Feb 96-97/98	Newcastle	P	75	3
Totals			340	8

Born: Leeds, 2-12-68  
Height: 1.70m Weight: 67kg

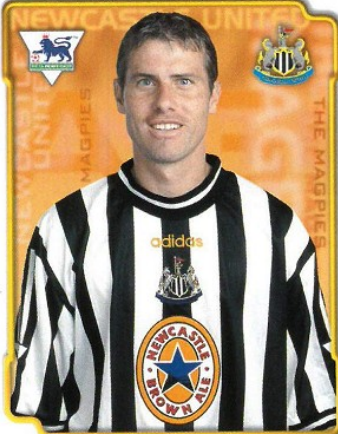
Batty is one of the country's most competent midfielders. His steely will to win is an inspiration to his team-mates.

## DAVID BATTY

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## ROBERT LEE

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
83/84-85/86	Charlton	2	85	22
86/87-89/90	Charlton	1	124	11
90/91-91/92	Charlton	2	82	25
92/93	Charlton	1	7	1
Feb 93	Newcastle	P	36	10
93/94-97/98	Newcastle	P	172	33
Totals			506	102

Born: West Ham, 1-2-66  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 76kg

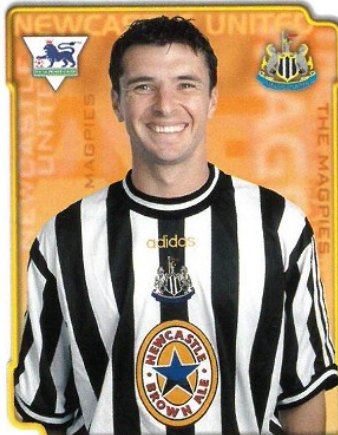
Lee is an essential part of the Newcastle midfield. A versatile performer, he has played for England as a midfielder, wing-back and full-back.

Born: Jamaica, WI, 7-11-63  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 79kg

Barnes proved to be an important signing for Newcastle last season. Playing as a midfielder and emergency striker he was top scorer with six goals.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
81/82	Watford	2	36	8
82/83-86/87	Watford	1	197	52
87/88-91/92	Liverpool	1	152	62
92/93-96/97	Liverpool	P	162	21
97/98	Newcastle	P	26	6
Totals			573	154

## JOHN BARNES



## GARY SPEED

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
88/89-89/90	Leeds United	2	26	3
90/91-91/92	Leeds United	1	79	14
92/93-95/96	Leeds United	P	143	22
96/97-97/98	Everton	P	58	16
97/98	Newcastle	P	8	1
Totals			319	56

Born: Hawarden, 8-9-69  
Height: 1.75m Weight: 66kg

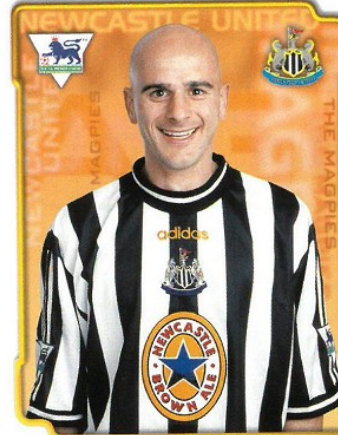
Speed is a superb midfielder with excellent all-round skills. A proud captain of Wales, he is approaching 50 full caps for his country.

Born: Waldsassen, D, 27-8-73  
Height: 1.91m Weight: 76kg

The Germany international will be a key player in Gullit's plans for Newcastle. He's a superb all-round player who likes to control the tempo of the game.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
93/94-97/98	B Munich, D	1	105	6

## DIETMAR HAMANN



## TEMURI KETSBAlA

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
1987-1988	D Tbilisi, RU	1	27	4
1989-1990	D Tbilisi, G	1	27	4
91/92-93/94	A Famaqusta, CY	1	76	36
94/95-95/96	AEK Athens, GR	1	54	19
96/97	Newcastle	P	31	3
Totals			215	66

Born: Gale, G, 18-3-68  
Height: 1.84m Weight: 83kg

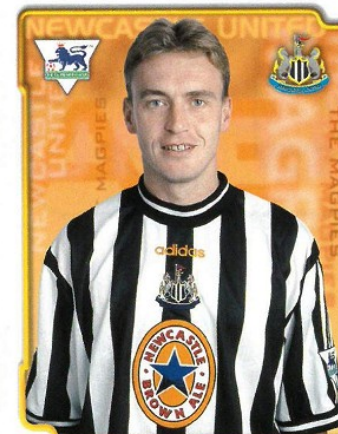
Ketsbaia is a tough competitor who can play up front or in midfield. He's most effective in midfield, especially when supporting the forwards.

Born: Larne, 18-2-75  
Height: 1.77m Weight: 69kg

Gillespie is a winger of the highest class. His blistering pace torments defenders and creates space for him to deliver accurate crosses into the penalty area.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
92/93-93/94	Man Utd	P	-	-
93/94	Wigan (L)	3	8	4
94/95	Man Utd	P	9	1
Jan 95-97/98	Newcastle	P	106	11
Totals			123	16

## KEITH GILLESPIE



## STÉPHANE GUIVARC'H

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
89/90-90/91	Brest, F	1	10	-
91/92	Brest, F	1	6	1
91/92-92/93	Guinecamp, F	2	46	17
93/94	Guinecamp, F	3	33	28
94/95	Guinecamp, F	2	41	23
95/96	Auxerre, F	1	23	3
96/97	Rennes, F	1	36	22
97/98	Auxerre, F	1	32	21
Totals			227	115

Born: Concarneau, F, 6-9-70  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 78kg

Guivarc'h is regarded as France's top striker. He was the top scorer in the French league last season scoring 21 goals for Auxerre.

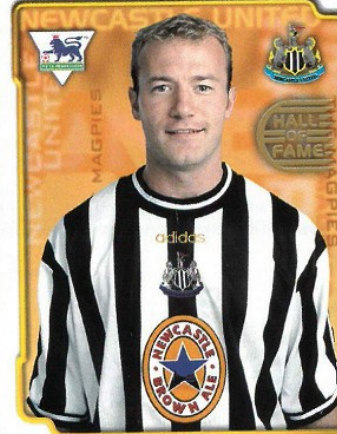
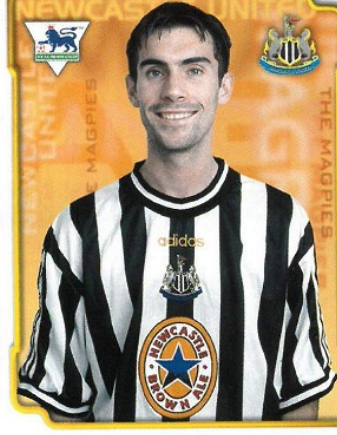
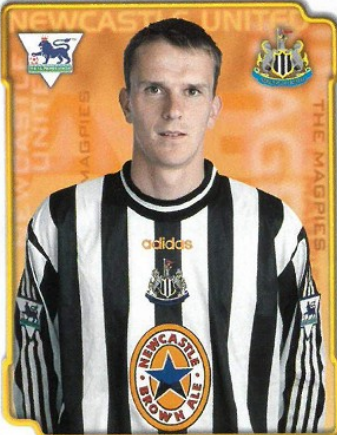
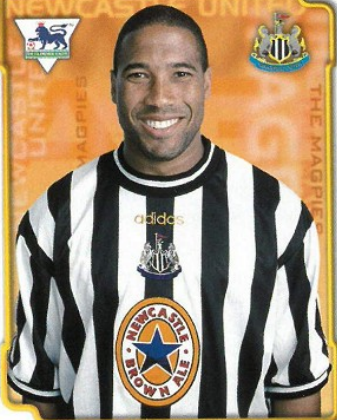
Born: Newcastle-on-Tyne, 18-8-70  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 71kg

England's captain remains one of the world's best strikers. Strong on the ball, powerful in the air and deadly with either foot, he is a defender's nightmare.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
87/88-91/92	Southampton	1	118	23
92/93-95/96	Blackburn	P	138	162
96/97-97/98	Newcastle	P	48	27
Totals			304	162

FA Premier League  
Hall of Fame inductee for 1994/95

## ALAN SHEARER







## WARREN BARTON

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Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
89/90	Maidstone	4	42	-
90/91-91/92	Wimbledon	1	79	4
92/93-94/95	Wimbledon	P	101	6
95/96-97/98	Newcastle	P	72	4
Totals			294	14

Born: Stoke Newington, 19-3-69  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 70kg

Barton is a sturdy and reliable defender for Newcastle. He prefers a role at right-back and managed to score three goals last season.



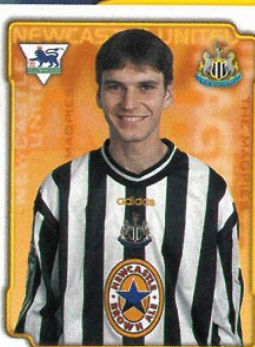
Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
88/89	Newcastle	1	1	-
89/90-91/92	Newcastle	2	32	1
92/93	Newcastle	1	41	2
93/94-97/98	Newcastle	P	94	3
Totals			168	6

Born: Sunderland, 26-10-71  
Height: 1.86m Weight: 73kg

Howey is still a class defender although injury problems have hampered his progress. He commands the area around him and dominates in the air.

## STEVE HOWEY

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## STEPHEN GLASS

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Born: Dundee, 25-5-76  
Height: 1.75m Weight: 68kg

Glass is not out of place among Newcastle's stars. His exciting skills on the left side of midfield give Newcastle an edge when going forward.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
94/95-97/98	Aberdeen	SP	106	7

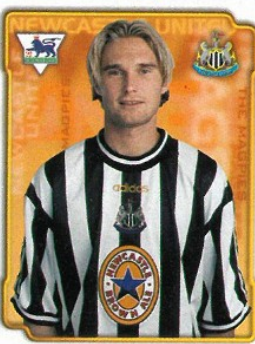
Born: Osterhoning, 5-10-4-74  
Height: 1.85m Weight: 80kg

Andersson was signed towards the end of last season. He's a striker with an excellent record and is an unselfish provider.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
1994	Tidaholm, S	3	9	6
1994	Degerfors, S	1	14	3
1995	Degerfors, S	1	26	13
1996-1997	IFK Gothenburg, S	1	39	32
96/97	AC Milan, I	A	13	1
97/98	Newcastle	P	12	2
Totals			113	57

## ANDREAS ANDERSSON

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## Fans' Favourite Robert Lee

Shots on Target

24%

Dribble Success

84%

Cross Completion

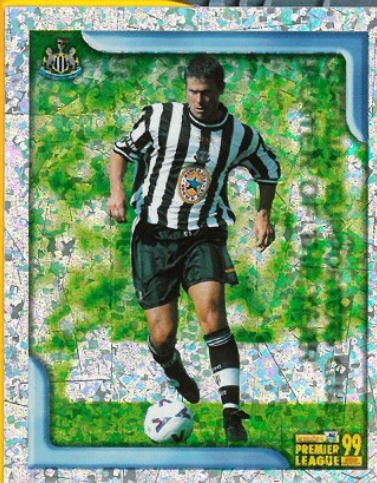
36%

Pass Completion

84%

Position: Midfielder

97/98 League Record:  
28 APPS/4 GOALS



Team Performance

Leading Player

1997/98

Performance Analysis

Rank

Shots On Target

523

9

Shots On Target

35%

19

Gillespie

22

Pass Completion

77%

2=

Batty

213

Tackles Won

59%

17=

Batty

110

Dribble Success

77%

5

Gillespie

180

Cross Completion

28%

11=

Gillespie

29



## Goalscorers Top Ten

\*Player still with club

Beardsley

46

Cole

43

Ferdinand

41

Lee\*

33

Shearer\*

27

Fox

12

Watson\*

11

Kitson

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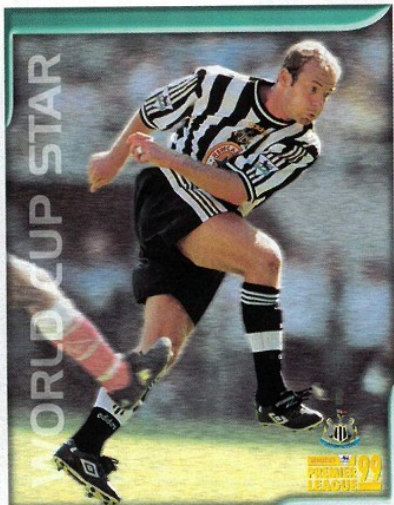
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# 1998 World Cup Star

Alan Shearer



Shots on Target

83%

Dribble Success

41%

Cross Completion

30%

Pass Completion

59%



Country: England  
Position: Forward

Mins on Pitch: 390  
Goals Scored: 2



Key Player  
David Batty

Position: Midfielder

97/98 League Record:  
32 APPS/1 GOAL

96%

87%

64%

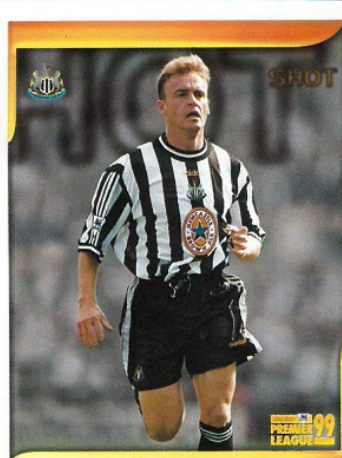
25%

Dribble Success

Pass Completion

Tackles Won

Shots on Target



Hotshot



MERLIN'S  
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# Nottingham Forest

Forest are relishing the challenge of playing in the Premier League and their speedy return to the top flight emphasises the club's hunger for success. Early Premiership form indicates that the players are capable of competing with the big boys, especially Steve Stone who has confirmed his pedigree by recapturing the form which established him as an England international.

## MERLIN'S Guide to The City Ground

### HOW TO GET THERE BY CAR

Exit M1 at Junction 26 heading for Nottingham city centre on the A610. Stay on the A610 for approximately six miles then follow the one-way system onto Lower Parliament Street heading for the A60 London Road. Once on this road, cross the River Trent, turning into Pavillion Road for the City Ground.

### Manager Dave Bassett

### OFFICIAL WEBSITE

<http://www.nottinghamforest.co.uk>

### ESSENTIAL NUMBERS

Club Number: 0115 982 4444  
Tickets: 0115 982 4455  
Credit Card Bookings: 0115 971 8181  
Junior Reds: 0115 982 4454  
Recorded Info: 0115 982 4446  
Club Call: 0891 12 11 74\*

\* Calls cost 50p per minute at all times  
Obtain permission from the bill-payer before calling.

## Team Kits

### Away Kit

White shirts with red and black trim, black shorts with red and white trim, white socks with black trim.



### Home Kit

Red shirts with white collars and trim, white shorts, red socks with white trim.



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**Stadium Address**  
The City Ground,  
Nottingham NG2 5FJ

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Nottingham Midland

Pitch Size: 105 x 71m

Family Enclosure sponsored by



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**Family Enclosure**

Trent End, Lower Tier

Ground Capacity: 30,602

**Away Supporters**  
Bridford Stand, Lower Tier.

**Disabled** Trent End, Lower Tier



## Fixtures

home

away

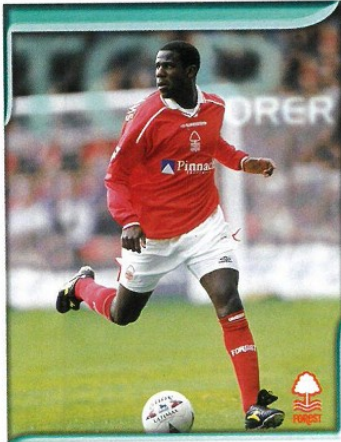
Arsenal	January 16th
Manchester United	February 6th
Chelsea	February 20th
Newcastle United	March 6th
Middlesbrough	March 20th
Liverpool	April 5th
Tottenham Hotspur	April 17th
Sheffield Wednesday	May 1st
Leicester City	May 16th

Coventry City	January 9th
Everton	January 30th
West Ham United	February 13th
Charlton Athletic	February 27th
Wimbledon	March 13th
Leeds United	April 3rd
Derby County	April 10th
Aston Villa	April 24th
Blackburn Rovers	May 8th





# 1997-98 Season Goalscorers



## Top Scorer CHRIS BART-WILLIAMS

Bart-Williams' raids on goal from midfield were a constant threat to Forest's opposition last term. His quick thinking and confidence are deadly in the area.

Others  
Rogers  
Saunders  
Gemmill  
Bonalair  
Stone  
Armstrong  
Hjelde  
Bart-Williams  
Thomas  
Cooper  
Campbell  
Hooijdonk



## When the goals were scored



European Super Cup Winners 1980



European Cup Winners 1979, 1980



Charity Shield Winners 1978



League Cup Winners 1978, 1979, 1989, 1990



FA Cup Winners 1898, 1959



League Champions 1977/78



## NOTTINGHAM FOREST

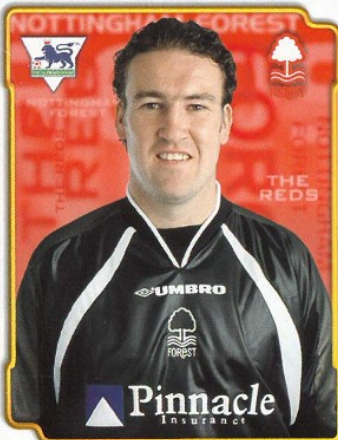


## Premier League Record



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## DAVE BEASANT

Born: Willesden, 20-3-59  
Height: 1.93m Weight: 89kg  
Beasant was inspirational as Forest claimed the First Division title last season. The tall, experienced goalkeeper kept an amazing 21 clean sheets.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
79/80-85/86	Wimbledon		234	258
86/87-87/88	Newcastle	I	82	-
88/89	Chelsea	I	20	-
89/90-91/92	Chelsea	I	94	-
92/93	Grimsby (L)	I	6	-
92/93	Wolves (L)	I	4	-
92/93-93/94	Chelsea	P	07	-
93/94-97/98	Southampton	P	88	-
97/98	Nott'm F	I	41	-
Totals			632	-

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
87/88-89/90	Nott'm F	I	10	-
89/90	Man Utd (L)	I	-	-
90/91-91/92	Nott'm F	I	74	-
92/93	Nott'm F	P	37	-
93/94	Nott'm F	I	37	-
94/95-96/97	Nott'm F	P	18	-
97/98	Nott'm F	I	1	-
97/98	Millwall (L)	2	8	-
Totals			284	-

## MARK CROSSLEY

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## ALAN ROGERS

Born: Liverpool, 3-4-77  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 73kg  
Rogers was an ever-present for Forest last season. The young left-back got better throughout the season and the club has high hopes for him.

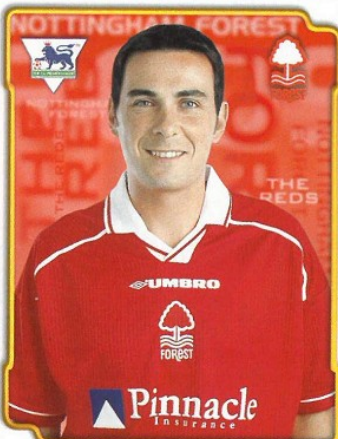
Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
95/96-96/97	Tranmere	I	27	2
97/98	Nott'm F	I	46	1
Totals			103	3

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
86/87-91/92	Nott'm F	I	199	6
92/93	Nott'm F	P	30	-
93/94	Nott'm F	I	46	1
94/95-96/97	Nott'm F	P	10	-
97/98	Nott'm F	I	46	1
Totals			371	8

Born: Nottingham, 27-9-68  
Height: 1.85m Weight: 76kg  
Chettle was another Forest ever-present last season. His tough tackling and strength in the air are important to the Forest defence.

## STEVE CHETTLE

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## JON OLAV HJELDE

Born: Levanger, N. 30-7-72  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 86kg  
The big Norwegian's presence at the centre of the Forest defence has proved a real success. He's a commanding performer who keeps improving.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
1994-1997	Rosenborg, N		1	27
97/98	Nott'm F	I	28	1
Totals			55	2

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
92/93	Swansea	2	46	1
93/94	Nott'm F	I	37	1
94/95-96/97	Nott'm F	P	103	2
97/98	Nott'm F	I	35	-
Totals			221	4

Born: Wolverhampton, 24-9-71  
Height: 1.75m Weight: 76kg  
Lyttle is one of the club's most reliable performers. He's a determined right-sided full-back who's made nearly 200 appearances for Forest.

## DES LYTTLE

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## STEVE STONE

Born: Gateshead, 20-8-71  
Height: 1.75m Weight: 71kg  
Stone will relish the challenge of playing in the Premiership. He plays intelligently and at pace and is very dangerous when he attacks from midfield.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
89/90-91/92	Nott'm F	I	1	-
92/93	Nott'm F	P	12	1
93/94	Nott'm F	I	45	5
94/95-96/97	Nott'm F	P	80	12
97/98	Nott'm F	I	29	2
Totals			167	20

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
89/90-91/92	Nott'm F	I	43	8
92/93	Nott'm F	P	33	1
93/94	Nott'm F	I	31	8
94/95-96/97	Nott'm F	P	74	2
97/98	Nott'm F	I	44	2
Totals			225	21

Born: Paisley, 2-4-71  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 64kg  
Gemmill missed only two games in Forest's Championship-winning season. He's enthusiastic and has a bustling but elegant style of play.

## SCOT GEMMILL

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## ANDY JOHNSON

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
91/92	Norwich	I	2	-
92/93-94/95	Norwich	P	9	1
95/96-96/97	Norwich	I	53	12
97/98	Nott'm F	I	34	4
Totals			98	17

Born: Bath, 2-5-74  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 73kg

Johnson is a combative central midfielder who can play in a variety of positions. He's hard-working, determined and likes to get stuck in.

Born: Freetown, SL, 16-6-74  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 70kg

Last season was Bart-Williams' best in a Forest shirt as Bassett's men dominated the First Division. He's an accurate passer of the ball.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
90/91-91/92	Orient	I	3	2
Nov 91	Sheff W	I	1	-
92/93	Sheff W	P	34	6
93/94	Sheff W	I	37	8
94/95	Sheff W	P	39	2
95/96-96/97	Nott'm F	P	43	1
97/98	Nott'm F	I	33	4
Totals			243	23

## CHRIS BART-WILLIAMS



## CRAIG ARMSTRONG

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
92/93	Nott'm F	P	-	-
93/94	Nott'm F	P	-	-
94/95	Nott'm F	P	-	-
94/95	Burnley (L)	I	4	-
95/96	Nott'm F	P	-	-
95/96	Bristol Rovers (L)	2	14	-
96/97	Nott'm F	P	-	-
96/97	Gillingham (L)	2	10	-
96/97	Watford (L)	2	15	-
97/98	Nott'm F	I	18	1
Totals			61	1

Born: South Shields, 23-5-75  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 81kg

Armstrong was brought up through the Forest youth system. He's a more than able midfielder who can also play at centre-back or full-back.

Born: Manchester, 5-8-64  
Height: 1.85m Weight: 86kg

Thomas is an experienced midfielder. He reads the game superbly and his wealth of knowledge keeps him a step ahead of the opposition.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
81/82-83/84	Rochdale	4	11	1
83/84-86/87	Crewe A	4	125	20
87/88-88/89	Crystal P	2	63	11
89/90-91/92	Crystal P	I	103	13
92/93	Crystal P	P	29	2
93/94-96/97	Wolves	I	46	8
97/98	Nott'm F	I	20	3
Totals			397	58

## GEOFF THOMAS



## THIERRY BONALAIR

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
87/88-91/92	Nantes, F	I	145	2
92/93	Auxerre, F	I	25	1
93/94-94/95	Lille, F	I	69	5
95/96-96/97	Neuchatel X. CH	I	68	9
97/98	Nott'm F	I	31	2
Totals			338	19

Born: Paris, F, 14-6-66  
Height: 1.73m Weight: 66kg

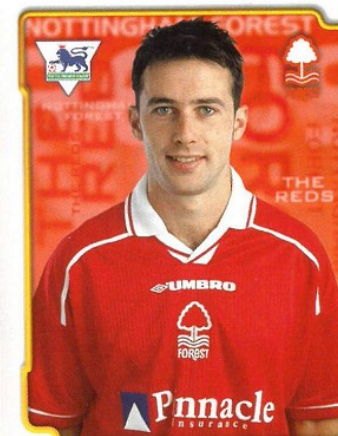
The versatile Frenchman's attacking play down either flank has made him a favourite at the City Ground. He's also capable of playing as a full-back.

Born: Wirral, 14-12-67  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 74kg

Woan appeared in nearly half of Forest's league games last season. His cultured left foot and superb crossing skills are important weapons for Forest.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
89/90-91/92	Nott'm F	I	33	8
92/93	Nott'm F	P	26	3
93/94	Nott'm F	I	24	5
94/95-96/97	Nott'm F	P	102	14
97/98	Nott'm F	I	21	1
Totals			208	31

## IAN WOAN



## DOUGIE FREEDMAN

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
91/92	I	-	-	-
92/93-93/94	OPR	P	-	-
94/95-95/96	Barnet	3	47	27
95/96-96/97	Crystal P	I	83	31
97/98	Crystal P	P	7	-
97/98	Wolves	I	29	10
Totals			166	68

Born: Glasgow, 21-1-74  
Height: 1.76m Weight: 71kg

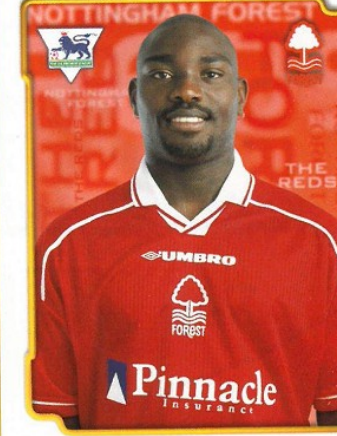
The young Scottish striker was brought in to bolster Forest's attack. He's got superb composure and good striking instincts.

Born: French Guyana, 25-6-75  
Height: 1.73m Weight: 80kg

Darcheville is another of Forest's summer additions. He's a compact striker who's very quick and likes to run at defenders.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
95/96-97/98	Rennes, F	I	43	5

## JEAN-CLAUDE DARCHEVILLE







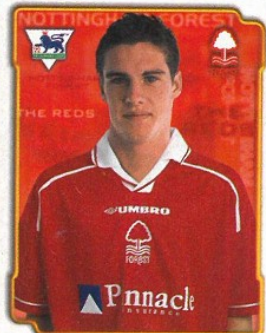
## GLYN HODGES

(M)

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
80/81-86/87	Wimbledon	P	232	49
87/88	Newcastle	I	7	-
Oct. 87-89/90	Watford	I2	86	15
90/91	Crystal P	I	7	-
90/91-95/96	Sheffield U	P1	147	19
95/96	Derby Co	I	9	-
96/97	Derby Co	P	-	-
97/98	Hull City	3	18	4
97/98	Nottm F	I	-	-
Totals			506	87

Born: Streatham, 30-4-63  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 78kg

Hodges is a very experienced left-sided midfielder. He's an excellent passer of the ball and his speciality is at set-pieces.



Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
95/96-97/98	Leeds United	P	21	-
97/98	Bury (L)	I	6	1
Totals			27	1

Born: Harrogate, 15-11-77  
Height: 1.86m Weight: 85kg

Gray is a skilful right-sided midfielder signed from Leeds United. Best suited to a wide role where his crossing ability is a real asset.

## ANDY GRAY

(M)



## MARLON HAREWOOD

(F)

Born: Hampstead, 25-8-79  
Height: 1.85m Weight: 64kg

Harewood is a very promising young player. He is a big strong, bustling centre-forward just waiting for a first-team opportunity.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
96/97	Nottm F	P	-	-
97/98	Nottm F	I	1	-
Totals			1	-

Born: Chatham, 30-10-74  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 69kg

Shipperley is an experienced forward with a proven goalscoring pedigree. Confident in front of goal, he plays with real determination.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
92/93-94/95	Chelsea	P	37	7
94/95	Watford (L)	I	6	1
94/95-96/97	Southampton	P	66	12
96/97	Crystal P	I	32	12
97/98	Crystal P	P	26	7
Totals			167	39

## NEIL SHIPPERLEY

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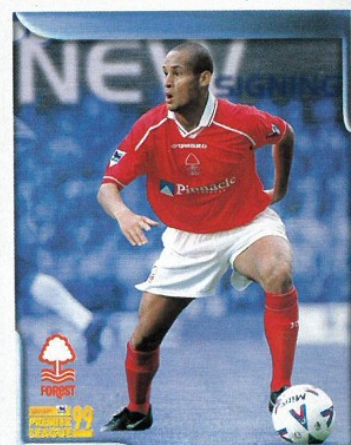
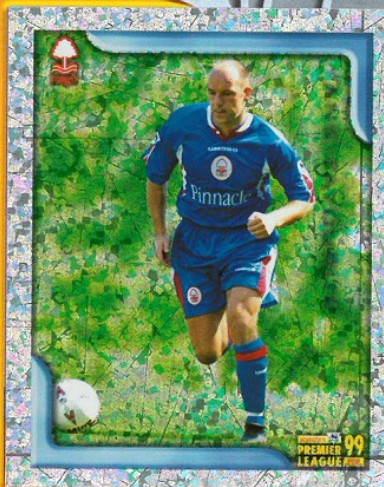


## Fans' Favourite Steve Stone

Steve Stone is a massive hero at the City Ground where his every touch, run and dribble is met with generous applause. He's been with Forest since his school days and is now in his 11th season as a professional with the club. His energetic midfield performances are delivered with the determination that every football fan demands and enjoys.

Position: Midfielder

97/98 League Record:  
29 APPS/2 GOALS



## 1997/98

### Performance Analysis

#### Home Performance

#### Away Performance

	Rank
Unbeaten Run	7 8=
Goals Scored (H)	52 1
Goals Scored (A)	30
Clean Sheets (H)	12 1=
Clean Sheets (A)	10
Goal Diff. (H)	32 2
Goal Diff. (A)	8
Games Won (H)	78% 1
Games Won (A)	43%
Points Won (H)	56 1=
Points Won (A)	38



## Goalscorers Top Ten

\*Player still with club

Roy	24
Collymore	22
Pearce	18
Woan*	17
Stone*	13
Lee	12
Clough	11
Bannister	8
Cooper	8
Black	7



## International

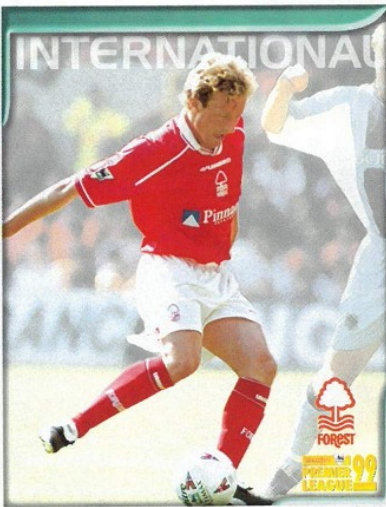
### Scot Gemmill

Scot Gemmill's busy and consistent midfield performances for Forest have rightly earned him an impressive collection of Scotland caps. Following in the international footsteps of his famous father Archie, Scot has amassed four U21 caps, two B caps and 13 full caps. Scot also made Scotland's final squad of 22 for last summer's World Cup.



Country: Scotland  
Position: Midfielder

97/98 League Record:  
44 APPS/2 GOALS



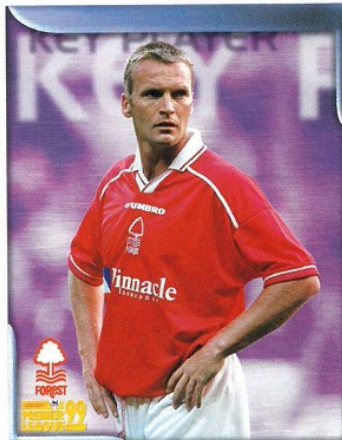
### Key Player

#### Geoff Thomas

Position: Midfielder

97/98 League Record:  
20 APPS/3 GOALS

Geoff Thomas is a vastly experienced former England international midfielder. He has been terribly unlucky with injuries since his England days. Now back to full fitness, his experience and general awareness of the game is crucial to Forest's Premiership chances. He is an accurate passer of the ball and possesses a cracking left-foot shot.



### Hotshot



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# Sheffield

## Wednesday

Sheffield Wednesday's talented side has benefited from the gritty leadership of Danny Wilson. New signing Wim Jonk has proved important, adding a touch of class to Wednesday's powerful midfield. With a strong squad of competitive team players and the exciting Italian partnership of Carbone and Di Canio providing the flair up front, the Owls have established themselves as a quality side.

### MERLIN'S Guide to Hillsborough

**HOW TO GET THERE BY CAR**  
Approaching on the M1, exit at Junction 36 onto the A61. Keep on this road for seven miles, crossing over the roundabout onto Penistone Road. The ground is on the right.

**Manager**  
Danny Wilson

**OFFICIAL WEBSITE**  
<http://www.swfc.co.uk>

#### ESSENTIAL NUMBERS

Club Number: 0114 221 2121  
Tickets: 0114 221 2400  
Credit Card Bookings: 0114 221 2400  
Recorded Info: 0114 221 2400  
Club Call: 0891 12 11 86\*

\* Calls cost 50p per minute at all times  
Obtain permission from the bill-payer before calling.

### Team Kits

#### Away Kit

Gold, dark blue and white shirts with dark blue collars and trim, dark blue shorts with gold and white trim, gold socks with dark blue and white trim.



#### Home Kit

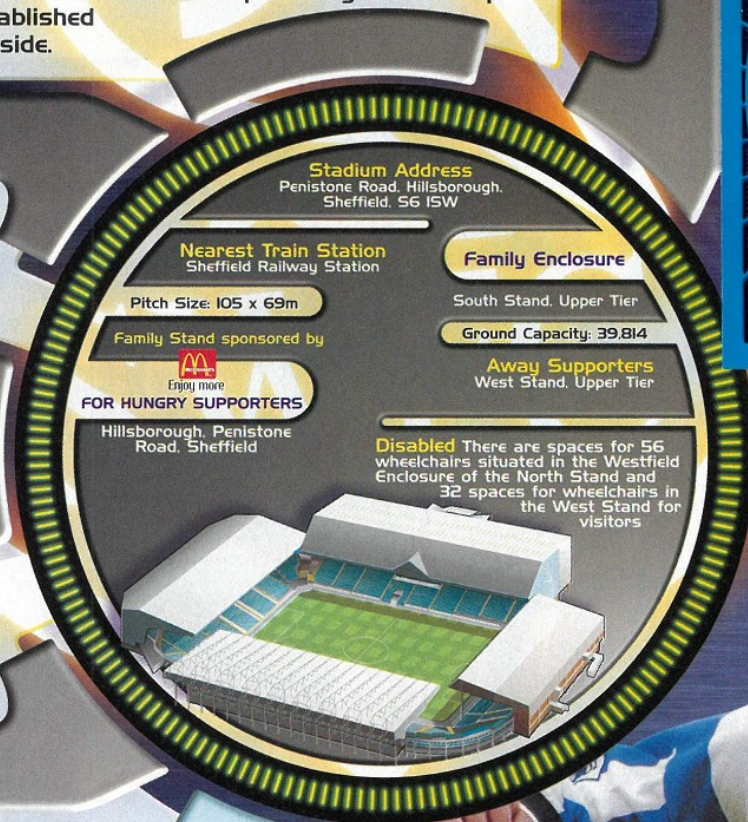
Royal blue and white striped shirts with black trim, black shorts with royal blue and white trim, black socks with white and royal blue trim.



**Sponsor**



**Kit Manufacturer**



### Fixtures

home

away

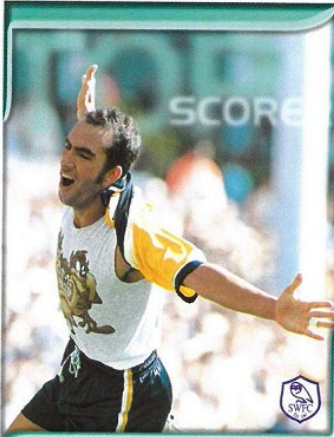
Tottenham Hotspur	January 9th
Derby County	January 30th
Wimbledon	February 13th
Middlesbrough	February 27th
Leeds United	March 13th
Coventry City	April 3rd
Newcastle United	April 10th
Chelsea	April 24th
Liverpool	May 8th

West Ham United	January 16th
Leicester City	February 6th
Blackburn Rovers	February 20th
Arsenal	March 6th
Southampton	March 20th
Everton	April 5th
Manchester United	April 17th
Nottingham Forest	May 1st
Charlton Athletic	May 15th





# 1997-98 Season Goalscorers



Sanetti  
Hinchcliffe  
Magilton  
Hyde  
Alexandersson  
Stefanovic  
Newsome  
Atherton  
Whittingham  
Pembridge  
Collins  
Booth  
Carbone  
Di Canio



League      League Cup      FA Cup

## Top Scorer Paolo Di Canio

Wednesday's Italian striker has a proven track record as a goalscorer. Di Canio's trickery and quick thinking notched up 12 league goals for Wednesday, many of which were created from nothing by his individual brilliance.

## When the goals were scored

first half

Team goals for

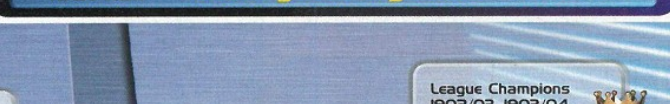
second half



first half

Team goals against

second half



Charity Shield  
Winners  
1935



League Cup Winners  
1991



FA Cup Winners  
1896, 1907, 1935



League Champions  
1902/03, 1903/04,  
1928/29, 1929/30



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## Premier League Record

1997-98 16th  
1996-97 7th  
1995-96 15th  
1994-95 13th  
1993-94 7th  
1992-93 7th

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## KEVIN PRESSMAN

Born: Fareham, 6-11-67  
Height: 1.86m Weight: 90kg

Pressman is a consistent and acrobatic performer in Wednesday's goal. He's very reliable and his shot stopping skills from close range are excellent.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
85/86-89/90	Sheff W	I	35	-
90/91	Sheff W	I	23	-
91/92	Sheff W	I	1	-
91/92	Stoke C. (L)	3	4	-
92/93-97/98	Sheff W	P	169	-
Totals			232	-

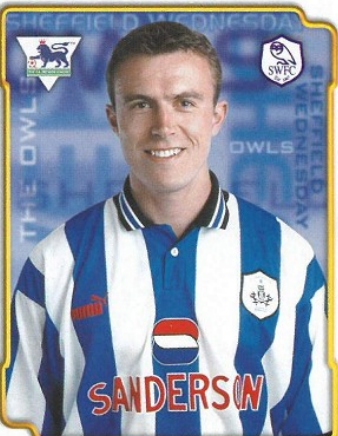
Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
87/88-91/92	Wigan	3	149	1
Aug 91	Coventry	I	35	-
92/93-93/94	Coventry	P	79	-
94/95-97/98	Sheff W	P	101	5
Totals			364	6

Born: Orrell, 6-4-70  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 78kg

Atherton is one of Wednesday's most reliable performers. As club captain he leads his colleagues by example with determination and boundless enthusiasm.

## PETER ATHERTON

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## IAN NOLAN

Born: Liverpool, 9-7-70  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 74kg

Nolan is a regular member of the Wednesday defence. The pacy left-sided full-back is now in his fifth season at Hillsborough.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
89/90	Sheff W	I	1	-
90/91	Sheff W	I	1	-
91/92	Leeds United	I	10	2
92/93-93/94	Leeds United	P	66	1
94/95	Norwich	P	35	3
95/96	Norwich	I	27	4
Mar 96-97/98	Sheff W	P	43	4
Totals			188	14

Born: Sheffield, 6-9-70  
Height: 1.88m Weight: 88kg

The burly centre-back's efforts for Wednesday are never in question. Newsome is a reliable last line of defence who reads the game intelligently.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
89/90	Sheff W	I	6	-
90/91	Sheff W	I	1	-
91/92	Leeds United	I	10	2
92/93-93/94	Leeds United	P	66	1
94/95	Norwich	P	35	3
95/96	Norwich	I	27	4
Mar 96-97/98	Sheff W	P	43	4
Totals			188	14

## JON NEWSOME

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## DES WALKER

Born: Hackney, 26-11-65  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 72kg

Walker is a firm favourite with the Hillsborough fans. He's still one of the quickest and most effective defenders in the Premier League.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
83/84-91/92	Nott'm F	I	254	1
92/93	Sampdoria, I	A	30	-
93/94-97/98	Sheff W	P	190	-
Totals			484	1

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
86/87	Man City	I	1	-
87/88-88/89	Man City	I	2	1
89/90	Man City	I	31	2
90/91-91/92	Everton	I	39	1
92/93-97/98	Everton	P	143	6
97/98	Sheff W	P	5	1
Totals			309	16

Born: Manchester, 5-2-69  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 81kg  
Hinchcliffe can play as a wing-back or a conventional full-back. He's also a set-piece specialist with a deadly left foot.

## ANDY HINCHCLIFFE

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## EMERSON THOME

Born: Porto Alegre, BR, 30-3-72  
Height: 1.86m Weight: 89kg

Thome is a confident Portuguese defender who joined the Owls from Benfica. He's nicknamed 'The Wall' because of his uncompromising style.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
	From Benfica, P			

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
86/87	Volendam, NL	I	36	23
87/88	Volendam, NL	I	23	5
88/89-92/93	Ajax, NL	I	96	18
93/94-94/95	Inter Milan, I	A	54	8
95/96-97/98	PSV Eindhoven, NL	I	89	19
Totals			298	73

Born: Volendam, NL, 12-10-66  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 76kg  
The experienced Dutch international midfielder is a formidable footballer. He's skilful and possesses a very powerful and accurate long-range shot.

## WIM JONK

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## GUY WHITTINGHAM

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Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
89/90-91/92	Portsmouth	2	114	46
92/93	Portsmouth	1	46	42
93/94	Aston Villa	P	18	3
94/95	Wolves (L)	1	8	8
95/96-97/98	Aston Villa	P	21	9
	Sheff W	P	89	12
Totals			301	120

Born: Evesham, 10-11-64  
Height: 1.75m Weight: 75kg

Whittingham is a strong and reliable performer. He made 28 league appearances last season and contributed four goals from his midfield berth.

Born: Bagnara Calabra, I, 14-8-71  
Height: 1.68m Weight: 68kg

The enigmatic Italian has a host of clever flicks and tricky skills at his disposal. He contributed nine league goals from midfield last season.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
88/89-89/90	Torino, I	B	8	-
90/91	Reggina, I	A	31	5
91/92	Casertana, I	A	31	4
92/93	Ascoli, I	B	28	6
93/94	Torino, I	A	28	3
94/95	Napoli, I	A	29	5
95/96-97/98	Inter Milan, I	A	32	2
	Sheff W	P	58	15
Totals			245	40

## BENITO CARBONE

M



## PAOLO DI CANIO

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Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
86/87	Ternana, I	C2	27	2
87/88	Lazio, I	B	-	-
88/89-89/90	Lazio, I	A	54	4
90/91-92/93	Juventus, I	A	78	6
93/94	Napoli, I	A	26	5
94/95-95/96	AC Milan, I	A	37	6
96/97	Celtic	SP	26	12
97/98	Sheff W	P	35	12
Totals			283	47

Born: Rome, I, 9-7-68  
Height: 1.77m Weight: 74kg

Di Canio has a huge catalogue of innovative tricks. The outrageously gifted Italian can pass and dribble with ease and he scores quality goals.

Born: Doncaster, 10-11-70  
Height: 1.70m Weight: 73kg

Hyde's performances have made him very popular at Hillsborough. His main quality is his pinpoint passing which rarely lets him down.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
88/89-89/90	Sheff W	1	-	-
90/91	Sheff W	1	2	-
91/92	Sheff W	1	18	-
92/93-97/98	Sheff W	P	158	11
Totals			171	11

## GRAHAM HYDE

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## JIM MAGILTON

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Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
86/87-90/91	Liverpool	1	1	-
Oct 90-91/92	Oxford U	2	81	18
92/93-93/94	Oxford U	1	63	16
Feb 94-96/97	Southampton	P	25	8
97/98	Sheff W	P	19	1
Totals			294	48

Born: Belfast, 6-5-69  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 79kg

The Northern Ireland international joined the Owls just after the start of last season, going on to make 19 league appearances in total.

Born: Kristiansund, N, 17-9-73  
Height: 1.90m Weight: 80kg

Rudi's adventurous running from midfield is one of Wednesday's main threats. The Norwegian's probing attacking game is very effective.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
1991-1997	Molde, N	1	116	7
97/98	Sheff W	P	22	-
Totals			138	7

## PETTER RUDI

M



## ANDY BOOTH

F

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
91/92	Huddersfield	2	3	-
92/93-94/95	Huddersfield	1	77	38
95/96	Huddersfield	1	43	16
96/97-97/98	Sheff W	P	58	17
Totals			181	71

Born: Huddersfield, 17-3-73  
Height: 1.86m Weight: 79kg

Booth's potential has begun to reveal itself during his time at Wednesday. He's an all-round goalscoring talent.

Born: Rome, I, 11-4-79  
Height: 1.84m Weight: 76kg

Sanetti signed as a teenage Italian striker from Genoa. He's a superb dribbler and an excellent finisher who will improve with age.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
96/97	Genoa, I	B	-	-
97/98	Sheff W	P	2	1

## FRANCESCO SANETTI

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## EARL BARRETT

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Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
84/85-85/86	Man. City	L2	1	-
85/86	Chester (L)	4	12	-
86/87	Man. City	1	2	-
87/88	Man. City	2	-	-
Nov 87-90/91	Oldham	2	54	5
91/92	Oldham	1	29	2
Feb 92	Aston Villa	1	8	-
92/93-94/95	Aston Villa	P	106	1
94/95-97/98	Everton	P	74	-
97/98	Sheff W	P	10	-
Totals			401	8

Born: Rochdale, 28-4-67  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 70kg

Barrett is a wonderfully versatile and experienced defender. He can play anywhere across the defence although he favours right-back.



Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
93/94-97/98	Sheff W	P	46	-

Born: Pontefract, 30-9-75  
Height: 1.70m Weight: 67kg

Briscoe is a young left-sided wing-back with plenty of pace. He's a former winger and likes to take on opposing defenders.

## LEE BRISCOE

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## NICLAS ALEXANDERSSON

Born: Halmstad, S, 29-12-71  
Height: 1.89m Weight: 73kg

Alexandersson is a busy and inventive right-sided midfielder. He's got plenty of skill and likes to take people on and score goals.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
1990-1997	Halmstad, S	1	166	31
97/98	Sheff W	P	6	-
Totals			172	31

Born: Sheffield, 30-11-77  
Height: 1.82m Weight: 92kg

Humphreys is a powerful young forward with a lot of potential. He's a bustling frontman who uses his strength well to create chances.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
95/96-97/98	Sheff W	P	41	3

## RITCHIE HUMPHREYS

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## Fans' Favourite Andy Hinchcliffe

Dribble Success

75%

Tackles Won

56%

Short Pass Success

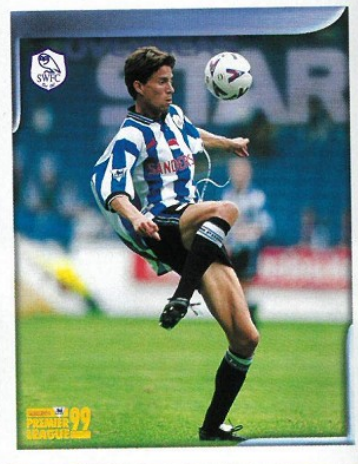
40%

Long Pass Success

89%

Position: Defender

97/98 League Record:  
32 APPS/1 GOAL



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Performance Analysis

Team Performance

Leading Player

Shots On Target

Rank

454 16

Shots On Target

41% 1

Di Canio

36

Pass Completion

72% 7

Di Canio

1008

Tackles Won

61% 13=

Walker

71

Dribble Success

73% 10=

Di Canio

187

Cross Completion

28% 11=

Carbone

34

## Goalscorers Top Ten

\*Player still with club

Bright

48

Hirst

34

Whittingham\*

22

Booth\*

17

Bart-Williams

16

Carbone\*

15

Watson

15

Di Canio\*

12

Hyde\*

11

Pembridge

11



# 1998 World Cup Star

Wim Jonk



Dribble Success

50%

Pass Completion

86%

Tackles Won

83%

Shots on Target

30%



Country: Holland  
Position: Midfielder

Mins on Pitch: 462  
Goals Scored: 0



Key Player  
Paolo Di Canio

Position: Forward

97/98 League Record:  
35 APPS/12 GOALS

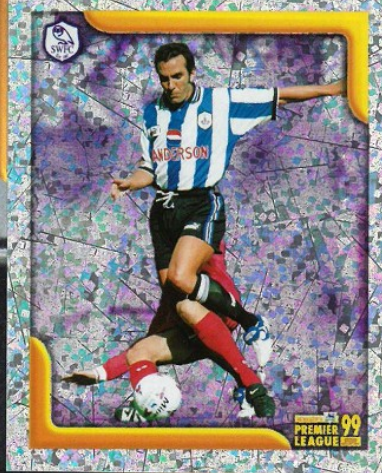
48% 76% 26% 74%

Shots on Target

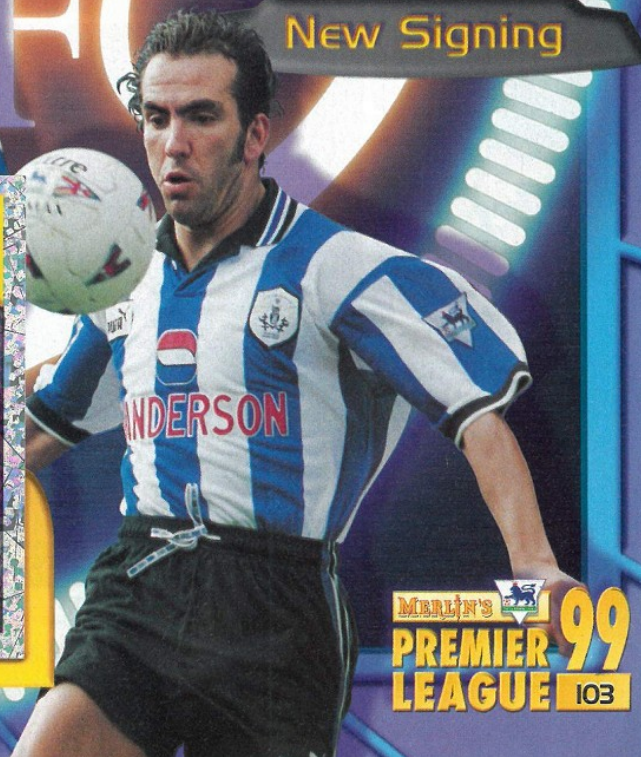
Dribble Success

Cross Completion

Pass Completion



New Signing



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# Southampton

With a host of new signings settling in well at the club, Southampton are proving to be a more than capable outfit. Boasting a strong squad of Premiership talent that includes a superb collection of forwards, the Saints are a serious attacking threat. This season Dave Jones' squad are confident they can assert themselves in the Premiership and improve on last season's mid-table finish.

## MERLIN'S Guide to The Dell

### HOW TO GET THERE BY CAR

From the North, follow the M3 to the end, exiting at Junction 4 onto The Avenue (A33). After two-and-a-half miles turn right into Northlands Road. Follow to the end T-junction with Archers Road. The Dell is opposite.

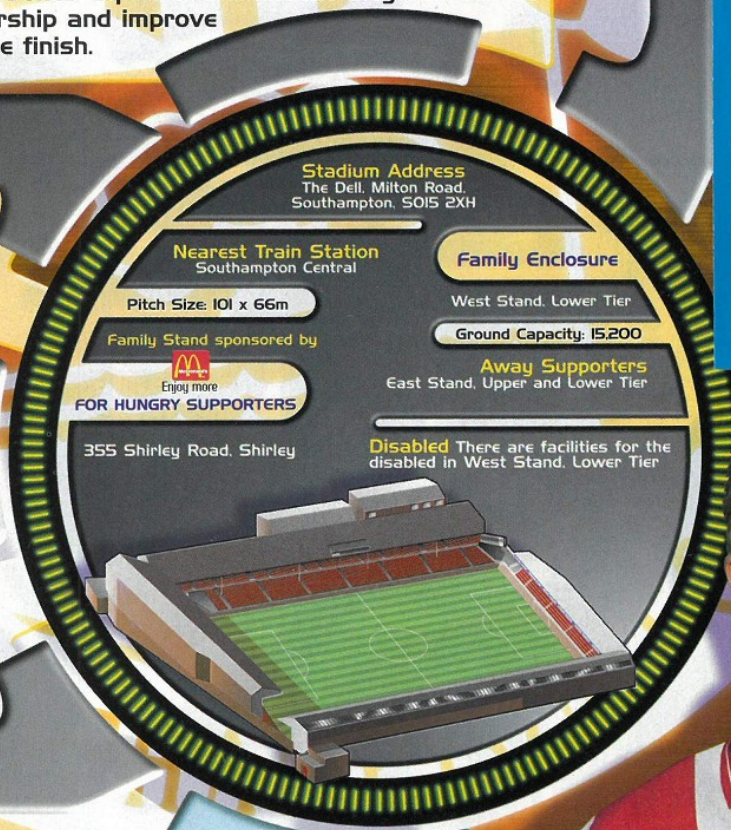
## Manager Dave Jones

OFFICIAL WEBSITE  
<http://www.saintsfc.co.uk>

### ESSENTIAL NUMBERS

Club Number: 01703 220505  
Tickets: 01703 228575  
Credit Card  
Bookings: 01703 337171  
Recorded Info: 01703 334172  
Club Call: 0891 12 11 78\*

\* Calls cost 50p per minute at all times  
Obtain permission from the bill-payer before calling.



**Stadium Address**  
The Dell, Milton Road,  
Southampton, SO15 2XH

**Nearest Train Station**  
Southampton Central

Pitch Size: 101 x 66m

Family Stand sponsored by



**FOR HUNGRY SUPPORTERS**

355 Shirley Road, Shirley

**Family Enclosure**

West Stand, Lower Tier

**Ground Capacity: 15,200**

**Away Supporters**

East Stand, Upper and Lower Tier

**Disabled** There are facilities for the disabled in West Stand, Lower Tier



## Team Kits

### Away Kit

Yellow shirts with blue trim, blue shorts with yellow trim, yellow socks with blue trim.



### Home Kit

Red and white striped shirts with black collars, black shorts with red trim, white socks with red and black trim.



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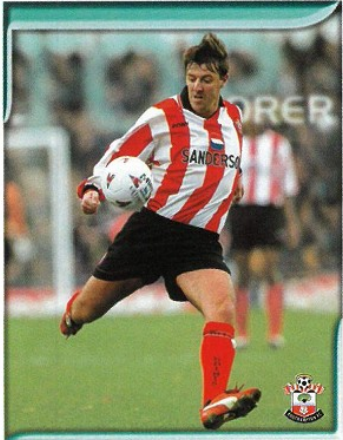
## Fixtures

home	away
Charlton Athletic January 9th	Liverpool January 16th
Leeds United January 30th	Chelsea February 6th
Newcastle United February 20th	Tottenham Hotspur February 13th
West Ham United March 6th	Manchester United February 27th
Sheffield Wednesday March 20th	Middlesbrough March 13th
Arsenal April 3rd	Coventry City April 5th
Blackburn Rovers April 17th	Aston Villa April 10th
Leicester City May 1st	Derby County April 24th
Everton May 16th	Wimbledon May 8th

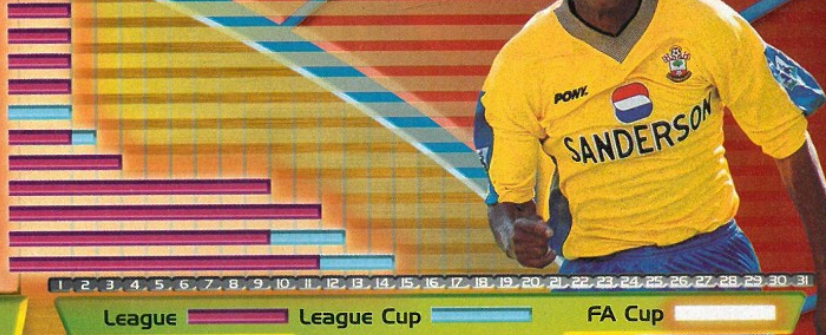




# 1997-98 Season Goalscorers



Benali  
Maddison  
Oakley  
Dodd  
Evans  
Monkou  
Palmer  
Hirst  
Ostenstad  
Davies  
Le Tissier



## Top Scorer Matthew Le Tissier

Matt Le Tissier's 11 league goals last season established him as the Saints' top league scorer for the sixth consecutive season. No wonder his fans refer to him as 'Le God'!

## When the goals were scored

first half

Team goals for

second half



first half

Team goals against

second half

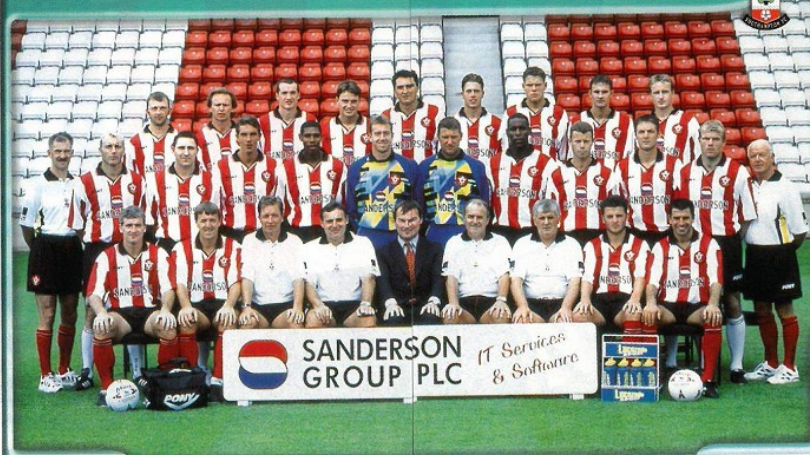
FA Cup Winners  
1976



League Best Position  
Runners-up, Division I  
1983/84



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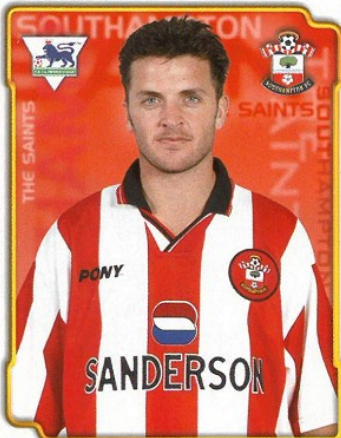
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## Premier League Record



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## PAUL JONES

Born: Chirk, 18-4-67  
Height: 1.88m Weight: 96kg

One of the finds of last season, Jones was voted the Supporter's Player of the Year for his outstanding performances in goal for the Saints

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
91/92	Wolves	2	-	-
92/93-95/96	Wolves	1	38	-
96/97	Stockport	2	46	-
97/98	Southampton	P	38	-
Totals			122	-

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
88/89-91/92	Southampton	I	69	-
92/93-97/98	Southampton	P	162	7
Totals			231	7

Born: Bath, 2-11-70  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 76kg

Southampton's club captain last season and an accomplished right-back. He's got good tactical awareness and superb defensive technique.

## JASON DODD

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## JOHN BERESFORD

Born: Sheffield, 4-9-66  
Height: 1.65m Weight: 65kg

Beresford is an accomplished left-sided defender or wide midfielder. His pinpoint passing and excellent crosses provide superb service for forwards.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
83/84-84/85	Man City	2	-	-
85/86	Man City	1	-	-
86/87-88/89	Barnsley	2	88	5
Mar 89-91/92	Portsmouth	2	107	8
92/93	Newcastle	1	42	1
93/94-97/98	Newcastle	P	137	2
97/98	Southampton	P	10	-
Totals			384	16

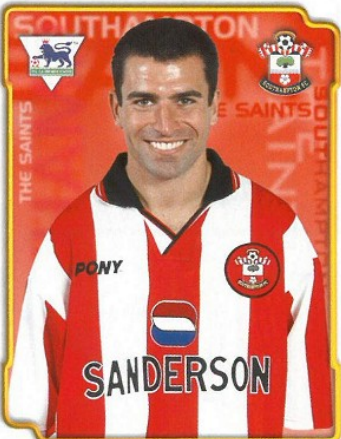
Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
1993-1996	Brann, N	I	53	-
96/97-97/98	Southampton	P	60	-
Totals			113	-

Born: Norway, 22-2-73  
Height: 1.92m Weight: 78kg

The cultured Norwegian defender has adapted to life in the Premier League with ease. Nicknamed "Santa", he is far from generous in defence.

## CLAUS LUNDEKVAM

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## KEN MONKOU

Born: Nacare, SUR, 29-11-64  
Height: 1.91m Weight: 91kg

A strong, powerful central defender who has formed a solid partnership with Claus Lundekvam. Played a key role in Southampton's impressive 97/98 season.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
85/86-88/89	Feyenoord, NL	1	71	6
88/89	Chelsea	2	2	-
89/90-91/92	Chelsea	1	92	2
92/93	Chelsea	P	-	-
Aug 92-97/98	Southampton	P	176	9
Totals			341	17

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
86/87-91/92	Southampton	I	68	-
92/93-97/98	Southampton	P	185	1
Totals			253	1

Born: Southampton, 30-12-68  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 70kg

Loyal left-back who's been with Southampton for more than 11 seasons. Scored his first goal for the Saints against Leicester in December 1997.

## FRANCIS BENALI

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## CARLTON PALMER

Born: West Bromwich, 5-12-65  
Height: 1.88m Weight: 78kg

Rangy midfielder whose presence in the Saints' midfield transformed the side's fortunes. He's an experienced former England international.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
84/85-85/86	WBA	1	20	-
86/87-88/89	WBA	2	101	4
Feb 89-89/90	Sheff W	1	47	1
90/91	Sheff W	2	45	2
91/92	Sheff W	1	42	5
92/93-93/94	Sheff W	P	71	6
94/95-96/97	Leeds United	P	102	5
97/98	Southampton	P	26	3
Totals			454	26

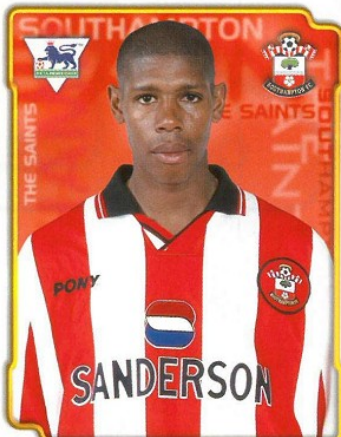
Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
94/95-97/98	Southampton	P	72	4

Born: Peterborough, 17-8-77  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 77kg

A forceful and attacking defender or wide midfielder who is at his best on the counter attack. His long throws are particularly effective.

## MATTHEW OAKLEY

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### DAVID HOWELLS

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
84/85-91/92	Tottenham	I	84	14
92/93-97/98	Tottenham	P	141	8
Totals			225	22

Born: Guildford, 15-12-67  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 74kg  
This experienced midfield anchorman continues to do a great job sitting just in front of the back four. He reads the game exceptionally well.



Born: Middlesbrough, 20-11-67  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 79kg

A flying wide midfielder who has the pace and skill to torment defenders. He was a Premiership winner with Blackburn in 1995.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
84/85-85/86	M'boro		2	9
85/86	Bolton W (L)		3	5
86/87	M'boro		3	44
87/88	M'boro		2	43
88/89	M'boro		1	36
89/90-91/92	M'boro		2	17
92/93-97/98	Blackburn	P	187	8
Totals			241	40

### STUART RIPLEY



### MATT LE TISSIER

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
86/87-91/92	Southampton	I	173	60
92/93-97/98	Southampton	P	196	74
Totals			369	134

Born: Guernsey, 14-10-68  
Height: 1.86m Weight: 81kg  
Enigmatic, multi-talented forward. One of the most creative players in the game. He is a master at taking free kicks.

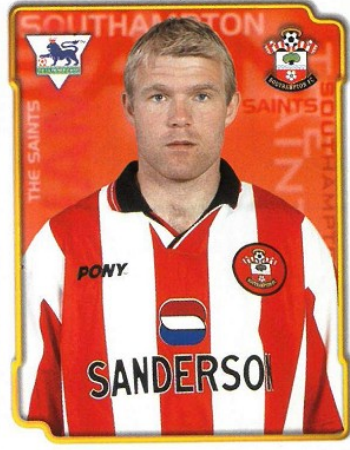


Born: Wrexham, 1-11-63  
Height: 1.75m Weight: 75kg

One of the best target men in the league. Hughes capped a superb 1997/98 season by being awarded an MBE for his services to football.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
80/81-85/86	Man Utd	I	89	37
86/87	Barcelona, E		28	4
87/88	B Munich (L), D		18	6
88/89-91/92	Man Utd	I	145	48
92/93-94/95	Man Utd	P	34	3
95/96-97/98	Chelsea	P	95	25
Totals			489	154

### MARK HUGHES



### EGIL OSTENSTAD

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
1990-1996	Viking FK, N		19	54
96/97-97/98	Southampton	P	59	20
Totals			78	74

Born: Haugesund, N, 2-1-72  
Height: 1.82m Weight: 83kg  
The Norwegian international striker displayed his immense talents in the 1998 World Cup against Scotland. A powerful runner with a deadly shot.

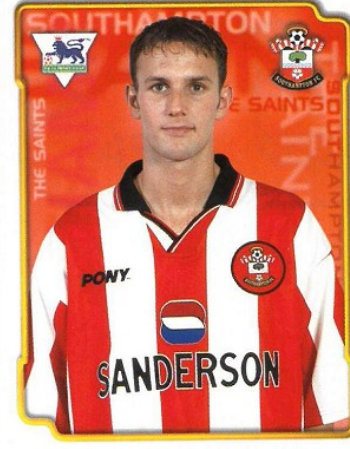


Born: Lancaster, 27-2-78  
Height: 1.85m Weight: 76kg

The former Blackburn youth team star attracted rave reviews last season. He possesses a natural goalscorer's touch and will be one to watch.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
94/95-97/98	Blackburn	P	4	-

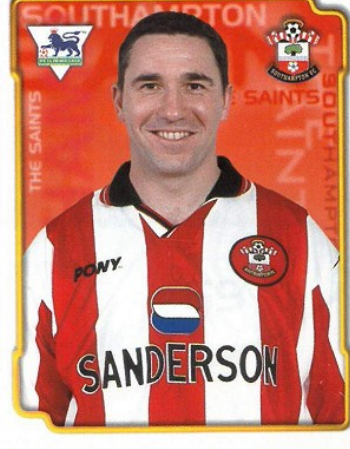
### JAMES BEATTIE



### ANDY WILLIAMS

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
96/97-97/98	Southampton	P	20	-

Born: Bristol, 8-10-77  
Height: 1.79m Weight: 68kg  
Saints fans know Andy as a lightning quick winger who can operate on either flank. Only 21, he's already made his full international debut for Wales.



Born: Barnsley, 7-12-67  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 83kg

A vastly experienced former England international forward with an impressive strike rate. He is strong on the ball and has a super left foot.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
85/86	Barnsley		2	28
86/87-89/90	Sheff W	I	15	30
90/91	Sheff W	2	41	24
91/92	Sheff W	I	33	18
92/93-97/98	Sheff W	P	105	34
97/98	Southampton	P	26	9
Totals			350	124

### DAVID HIRST





## WAYNE BRIDGE

Season 97/98 Club Southampton Div Apps Gls P - -

Born: Southampton, 5-8-80 Height: 178m Weight: 75kg

Bridge is a young forward who started the season in superb form. He made his debut in the opening home game against Liverpool and hasn't looked back.

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## PHIL WARNER

Season 97/98 Club Southampton Div Apps Gls P - -

Born: Southampton, 2-2-79 Height: 178m Weight: 73kg

Warner is the latest home-produced defender to emerge from the Dell. The versatile teenager made his debut at the end of last season.

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## DAVID HUGHES

Born: St Albans, 30-12-72 Height: 175m Weight: 68kg

A talented midfielder who had his appearances restricted last season due to injury. David is a tough tackler with good positional awareness.

Season 91/92 Club Southampton Div Apps Gls P - -  
92/93-97/98 Southampton P 44 3  
Totals 44 3

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## KEVIN GIBBENS

Born: Southampton, 4-11-79 Height: 178m Weight: 82kg

Another of the Saints' band of talented youngsters. Gibbens is a sturdy midfielder who is said to have a bright future ahead of him.

Season 97/98 Club Southampton Div Apps Gls P 2 -

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## Fans' Favourite Paul Jones

Shots Saved

76%

Short Pass Success

90%

Long Pass Success

34%

Clean Sheets

21%

Position: Goalkeeper

97/98 League Record:  
38 APPS/8 CLEAN SHEETS



## 1997/98

### Performance Analysis

Team Performance

Leading Player

Shots On Target 427 18

Shots On Target 38% 9=  
Le Tissier 30

Pass Completion 70% 13=  
Dodd 1046

Tackles Won 58% 19=  
Palmer 91

Dribble Success 70% 16=  
Le Tissier 68

Cross Completion 26% 16=  
Dodd 19



## Goalscorers Top Ten

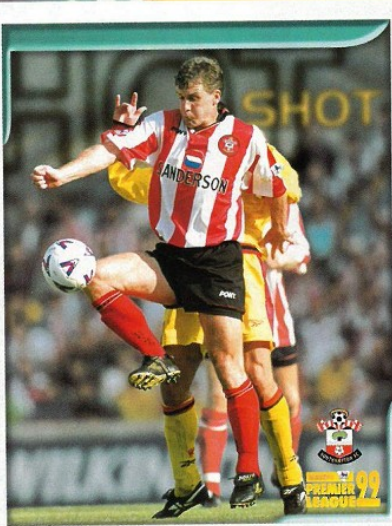
\*Player still with club

Le Tissier\* 91  
Dowie 21  
Ostenstad\* 21  
Maddison 16  
Magilton 13  
Shipperley 12  
Davies 9  
Hall 9  
Hirst\* 9  
Monkou\* 9



## Hotshot

Mark Hughes



Shots on Target

53%

Dribble Success

52%

Tackles Won

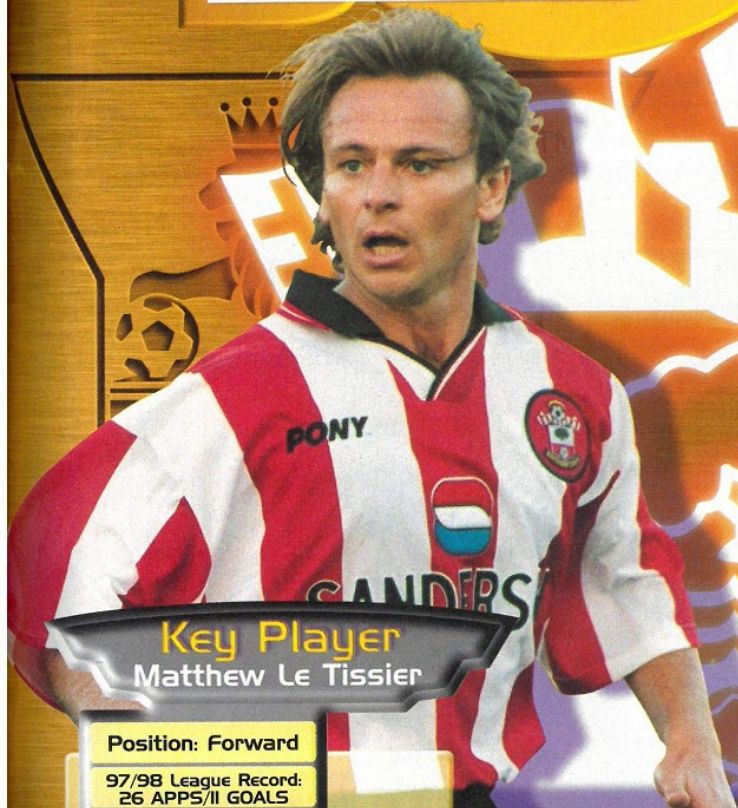
70%

Pass Completion

78%

Position: Forward

97/98 League Record:  
29 APPS/9 GOALS



## Key Player

Matthew Le Tissier

Position: Forward

97/98 League Record:  
26 APPS/11 GOALS

41%

66%

22%

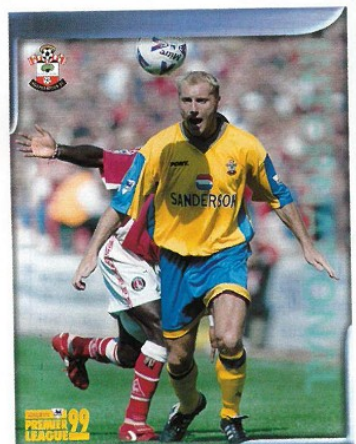
68%

Shots on Target

Dribble Success

Cross Completion

Pass Completion



## International



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# Tottenham Hotspur

Encouraged by the talents of their big name stars and the appointment of George Graham as manager, Spurs are finally showing the form that established the London club as one of the biggest in the country. A star-studded squad containing an array of international players from a variety of nations are blending into a team that look capable of taking Spurs back to the top.

## MERLIN'S Guide to White Hart Lane

### HOW TO GET THERE BY CAR

From the M1, turn off onto the A1 at Junction 2/3. Join the A406 North Circular Road eastbound and continue for seven miles. At the Edmonton traffic lights turn right onto the A1010 Fore Street. Continue for one mile and White Hart Lane is on the left.

## Manager

**George Graham**

### OFFICIAL WEBSITE

<http://www.spurs.co.uk>

### ESSENTIAL NUMBERS

Club Number: 0181 365 5000  
 Tickets: 0181 365 5050  
 Non Members/Credit Card Bookings: 0870 840 2468  
 Recorded Info: 0891 33 55 55\*  
 Spursline: 0891 33 55 55\*

\* Calls cost 50p per minute at all times  
 Obtain permission from the bill-payer before calling

## Team Kits

### Away Kit

Purple shirts with white trim, purple shorts with white trim, purple socks.



### Home Kit

White shirts with navy blue trim, navy blue shorts with white trim, white socks.



Sponsor



Kit Manufacturer



**Stadium Address**  
 748 High Road, Tottenham,  
 London, N17 0AP

**Nearest Train Station**  
 White Hart Lane Station

**Pitch Size:** 101 x 67m

**Family Enclosure**  
 North Stand, Paxton Road  
 (members only), East Stand

**Ground Capacity:** 36,214

**Away Supporters**  
 South Stand, blocks in Lower  
 and Upper Tier

**Family Enclosure sponsored by**  
**McDonald's**  
 Enjoy more  
**FOR HUNGRY SUPPORTERS**

**500 High Road, Tottenham,  
 London, N17**

**Disabled** There are spaces for 44  
 wheelchairs in the South Stand and  
 North Stand



## Fixtures

home	away
Wimbledon January 16th	Sheffield Wednesday January 9th
Coventry City February 6th	Blackburn Rovers January 30th
Southampton February 13th	Middlesbrough February 20th
Derby County February 27th	Leeds United March 6th
Aston Villa March 13th	Charlton Athletic March 20th
Leicester City April 3rd	Newcastle United April 5th
Arsenal April 10th	Nottingham Forest April 17th
Chelsea May 8th	Liverpool May 1st
	Manchester United May 16th





# 1997-98 Season Goalscorers



Others  
Fenn  
Clemence  
Campbell  
Dominguez  
Berti  
Vega  
Nielsen  
Fox  
Ferdinand  
Calderwood  
Armstrong  
Klinsmann  
Ginola



## Top SCORER DAVID GINOLA

The fantastic skills of the mercurial French star were a joy to watch last season. Enjoying a free role behind the forwards, Ginola exploited every opportunity to attack the opposition's goal.

UEFA (Fairs) Cup  
Winners  
1972, 1984



European Cup  
Winners' Cup  
Winners  
1963



Charity Shield  
Winners  
1920, 1951,  
1961, 1962,  
1967 (shared),  
1981 (shared),  
1991 (shared)



League Cup Winners  
1971, 1973



FA Cup Winners  
1901, 1921, 1961,  
1962, 1967, 1981,  
1982, 1991



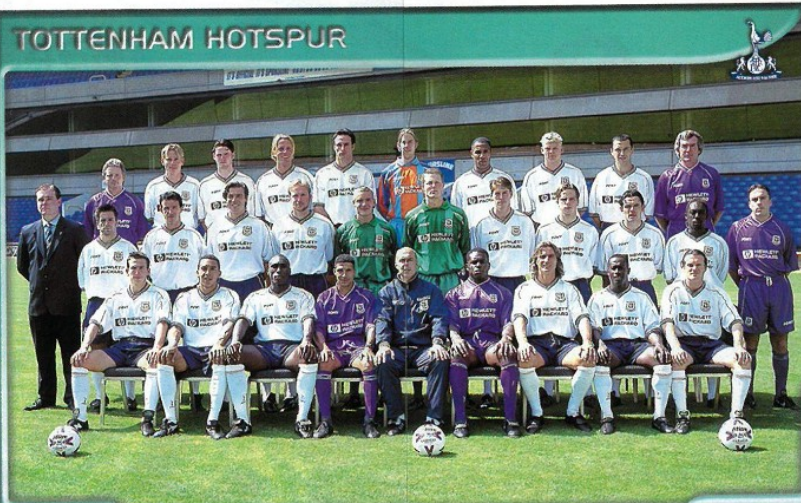
League Champions  
1950/51, 1960/61



## When the goals were scored



## TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR



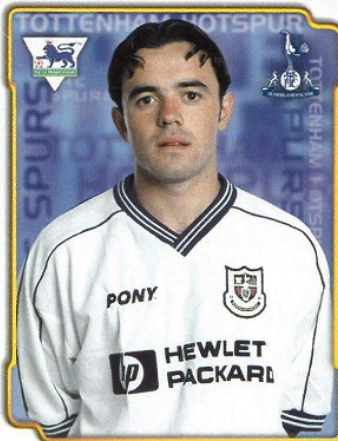
## Premier League Record



STOP PRESS! As this album went to press George Graham was confirmed as the new Tottenham manager.

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## IAN WALKER

Born: Watford, 31-10-71  
Height: 1.86m Weight: 74kg

Agile, athletic shot-stopper who worked his way into contention for the England number one spot before being struck by injury. A quality keeper.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
89/90-90/91	Tottenham	I	1	-
90/91	Oxford U. (L)	I	2	-
90/91	Ipswich (L)	I	2	-
91/92	Tottenham	I	18	-
92/93-97/98	Tottenham	P	173	-
Totals			194	-

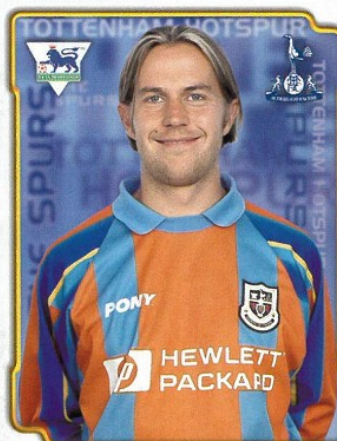
Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
93/94-97/98	Tottenham	P	65	-

Born: Dublin, IRL, 29-8-76  
Height: 1.77m Weight: 78kg

Exciting young wing-back who has worked his way through the Tottenham ranks to become a first-team regular.

## STEPHEN CARR

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## PAOLO TRAMEZZANI

Born: Castelvetro Ne' Monti, I, 30-7-70  
Height: 1.85m Weight: 80kg

An experienced left-back who made his name with Inter Milan in Italy's Serie A. Paolo's strengths are his tough tackling and tactical awareness.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
89/90	Inter Milan, I	I	-	-
89/90	Prato, I	C	29	-
90/91	Cosenza, I	B	15	-
91/92	Lucchese, I	B	30	-
92/93-94/95	Inter Milan, I	A	26	-
94/95-95/96	Venezia, I	B	25	-
95/96	Cesena, I	B	20	2
96/97-97/98	Piacenza, I	A	57	2
Totals			202	5

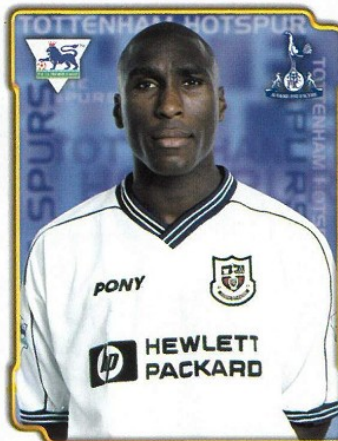
Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
81/82-84/85	Mansfield	4	100	1
85/86	Swindon	4	46	2
86/87	Swindon	3	46	1
87/88-91/92	Swindon	2	192	15
92/93	Swindon	1	46	2
93/94-97/98	Tottenham	P	151	6
Totals			581	27

Born: Stranraer, 20-1-65  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 76kg

Physical central defender who is powerful in the air. Represented Scotland in the 1998 World Cup where he had the unenviable task of marking Ronaldo.

## COLIN CALDERWOOD

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## RAMON VEGA

Born: Olten, CH, 14-6-71  
Height: 1.92m Weight: 83kg

Swiss international who is dangerous from set pieces. Comfortable as a full-back or centre-back, he is one of the best ball-playing defenders in the league.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
90/91-95/96	Grasshoppers, CH	I	156	8
96/97	Cagliari, I	A	14	-
96/97-97/98	Tottenham	P	33	4
Totals			203	17

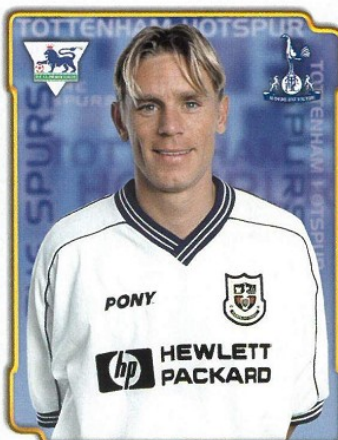
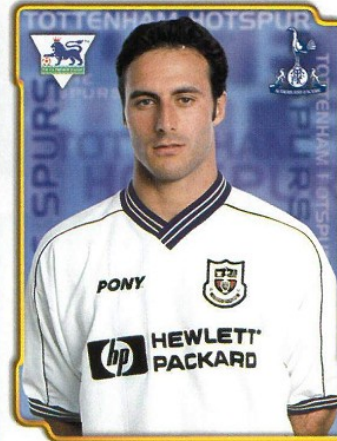
Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
92/93-97/98	Tottenham	P	168	2

Born: Newham, 18-9-74  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 76kg

A majestic talent who emerged from the 1998 World Cup as one of the best defenders in the world. England Player of the Year for 1997.

## SOL CAMPBELL

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## NICOLA BERTI

Born: Salsomaggiore Terme, I, 14-4-67  
Height: 1.85m Weight: 77kg

An experienced and talented central midfielder who adds steel and tenacity to the Tottenham midfield. Joined Spurs on loan from Inter in 1998.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
82/83-83/84	Parma, I	C	1	-
84/85	Parma, I	B	27	-
85/86-87/88	Florentina, I	A	80	8
88/89-97/98	Inter Milan, I	A	229	29
97/98	Tottenham	P	17	3
Totals			354	40

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
90/91	B. Munich, D	I	55	9
91/92-93/94	Odense, DK	I	26	4
93/94-94/95	FC Chagen, DK	I	42	11
94/95-96/97	Brondby, DK	I	55	9
96/97-97/98	Tottenham	P	179	33
Totals			357	65

Born: Esbjerg, DK, 13-3-71  
Height: 1.73m Weight: 71kg

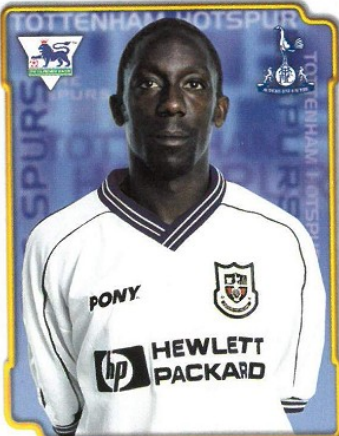
This tough-tackling midfielder is a great team player who can slot into a variety of positions. Played in all Denmark's 1998 World Cup games.

## ALLAN NIELSEN

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## RUEL FOX

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
85/86	Norwich	2	-	-
86/87-91/92	Norwich	1	18	11
92/93-93/94	Norwich	P	59	11
Feb 94-95/96	Newcastle	P	58	12
Oct 95-97/98	Tottenham	P	83	10
Totals			313	44

Born: Ipswich, 14-1-68  
Height: 1.68m Weight: 64kg

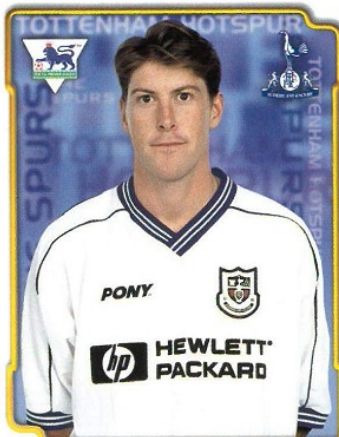
A gifted winger who has recently regained the spectacular form that made him one of the most exciting prospects in the Premiership.

Born: Théniet-el-Had, ALG, 5-3-69  
Height: 1.75m Weight: 73kg

This accomplished Algerian international is a rock-solid tackler who loves to surge forward. He adds experience to the Spurs midfield.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
92/93-96/97	Auxerre, F	1	14	23
97/98	Valencia, E	1	14	-
97/98	Tottenham	P	9	1
Totals			157	24

## MOUSSA SAIB



## DARREN ANDERTON

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
89/90-91/92	Portsmouth	2	62	7
92/93-97/98	Tottenham	P	146	22
Totals			208	29

Born: Southampton, 3-3-72  
Height: 1.86m Weight: 75kg

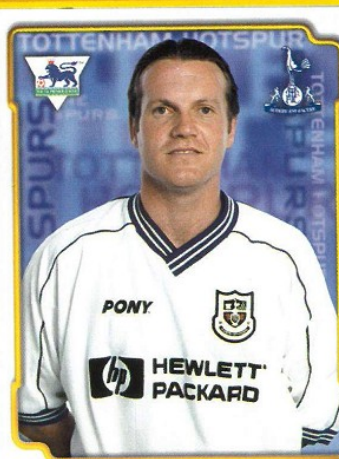
This talented young winger has bounced back from a series of niggling injuries. He was outstanding for England in the 1998 World Cup in his new wing-back role.

Born: Gossin, F, 25-1-67  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 75kg

Classy, flamboyant midfielder with sublime skills and breath-taking long-range shooting. One of the best players in the Premiership last season.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
85/86-87/88	Toulon, F	1	81	4
88/89-89/90	Racing Paris, F	1	61	8
90/91-91/92	Brest, F	1	50	10
91/92-94/95	Paris SG, F	1	105	32
95/96-96/97	Newcastle	P	58	6
97/98	Tottenham	P	34	6
Totals			399	66

## DAVID GINOLA



## ANDY SINTON

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
82/83-83/84	Cambridge	2	47	1
84/85	Cambridge	3	26	2
85/86	Cambridge	4	20	-
Dec 85-88/89	Brentford	3	149	28
Mar 89-91/92	QPR	1	184	5
92/93	QPR	P	36	7
93/94-95/96	Sheff W	P	60	3
Jan 96-97/98	Tottenham	P	61	6
Totals			523	72

Born: Newcastle-on-Tyne, 19-3-66  
Height: 1.73m Weight: 68kg

This pacy midfielder prefers a wide role but is versatile enough to play in the centre of midfield when needed. At his best with the ball at his feet.

Born: London, 18-12-66  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 85kg

A powerful predator who is one of the best target men in the Premier League. His muscular athleticism makes him unstoppable in the air.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
86/87-87/88	QPR	1	3	-
87/88	Brentford (L)	3	3	-
88/89	QPR	1	-	-
88/89	Besiktas T. (L)	1	24	14
89/90-94/95	QPR	P	160	80
95/96-96/97	Newcastle	P	68	41
97/98	Tottenham	P	21	5
Totals			279	140

FA Premier League  
Hall of Fame inductee for 1995/96

## LES FERDINAND



## CHRIS ARMSTRONG

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
88/89-90/91	Wrexham	4	60	13
91/92	Millwall	2	25	4
92/93	Millwall	1	3	1
Sep 92	Crystal P	P	35	15
93/94	Crystal P	P	43	22
94/95	Crystal P	P	40	8
95/96-97/98	Tottenham	P	67	25
Totals			273	88

Born: Newcastle, 19-6-71  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 70kg

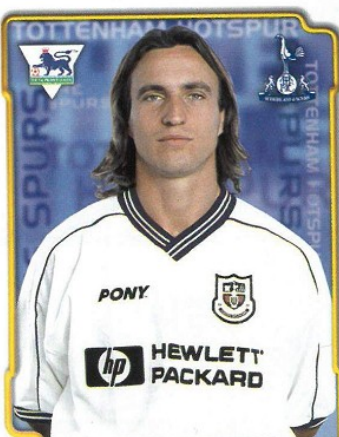
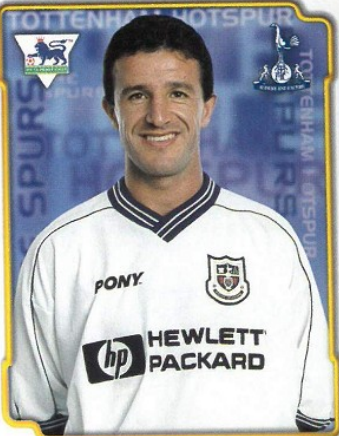
After a spell out of the first team with injuries, Chris is getting back to the kind of form that took him to the verge of an England call up.

Born: Oslo, N, 10-11-76  
Height: 1.87m Weight: 74kg

An instinctive striker who has shined despite being hampered by injuries. A regular member of the Norwegian squad, he's got great potential.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
1996	Rosenborg, N	1	25	10
96/97-97/98	Tottenham	P	29	6
Totals			54	16

## STEFFEN IVERSEN







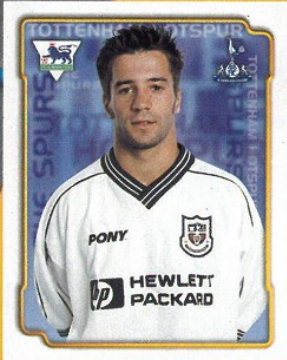
## ESPEN BAARDSEN

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Season 96/97/98 Club Tottenham Div Apps Gls P 11

Born: San Rafael, USA, 7-12-77 Height: 1.96m Weight: 84kg

This exciting young keeper grabbed his first-team opportunity last season and is now challenging Ian Walker for the Spurs number one spot.



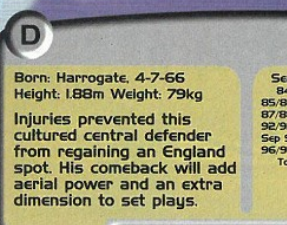
Season 93/94 94/95 95/96/97 97/98 Totals Club Birmingham Birmingham S Usdon, P Tottenham Div Apps Gls P 1 2 30 3 1 62 4 18 2 9

Born: Lisbon, P 16-2-74 Height: 1.62m Weight: 62kg

The tricky Portuguese star showed Spurs' fans his full range of skills last season. He's a busy, clever midfielder with superb composure on the ball.

## JOSÉ DOMINGUEZ

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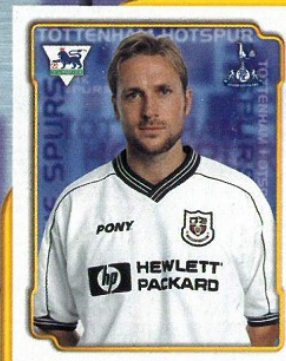


## JOHN SCALES

Born: Harrogate, 4-7-66 Height: 1.88m Weight: 79kg

Injuries prevented this cultured central defender from regaining an England spot. His comeback will add aerial power and an extra dimension to set plays.

Season 84/85 85/86/87 87/88/91/92 92/93-94/95 Sep 94-96/97 96/97/97/98 Totals Club Leeds United Bristol R Wimbledon P 72 2 1 158 10 1 72 2 22 15 Div Apps Gls P 2 3 1 1 65 399 - - 10 2 - 15



Born: Liverpool, 31-3-78 Height: 1.82m Weight: 73kg

Since making his first-team debut against Man Utd in 1997, Stephen has caught the eye. His tireless work rate and excellent passing make him a great prospect.

Season 94/95-97/98 Club Tottenham Div Apps Gls P 17

## STEPHEN CLEMENCE

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## Fans' Favourite Sol Campbell

Dribble Success

80%

Tackles Won

75%

Short Pass Success

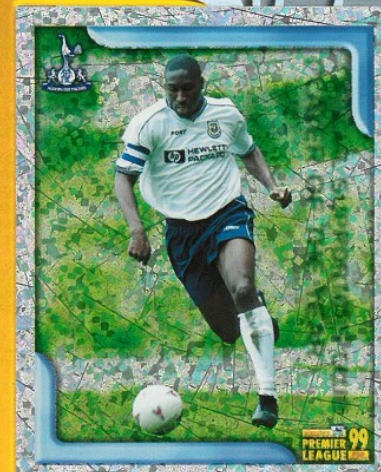
50%

Long Pass Success

84%

Position: Defender

97/98 League Record: 34 APPS/0 GOALS



## 1997/98 Performance Analysis

Team Performance

Leading Player

Rank

Shots On Target

561 5=

Shots On Target

34% 20

Ginola

39

Pass Completion

70% 13=

Ginola

1115

Tackles Won

59% 17=

Campbell

146

Dribble Success

73% 10=

Ginola

360

Cross Completion

28% 11=

Ginola

70



## Goalscorers Top Ten

\*Player still with club

Sheringham

76

Klinsmann

30

Armstrong\*

25

Anderton\*

22

Barmby

20

Dozzell

13

Fox\*

10

Nielsen\*

9

Howells

8

Sedgley

8



# 1998 World Cup Star

**Darren Anderton**



**Dribble Success**

57%

**Pass Completion**

71%

**Tackles Won**

62%

**Shots On Target**

50%



**Country: England**  
**Position: Midfielder**

Mins on Pitch: 356  
Goals Scored: 1



**Key Player**  
**Les Ferdinand**

**Position: Forward**

**97/98 League Record:**  
**21 APPS/5 GOALS**

38%

73%

10%

65%

Shots On Target

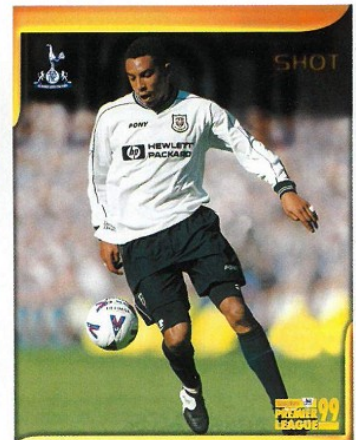
Dribble Success

Cross Completion

Pass Completion



**Hotshot**



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# West Ham United

Harry Redknapp has succeeded in creating a successful blend of experience, youth, international and domestic stars to form a team that many believe has the potential to be the best Hammers side ever. Rio Ferdinand is proving to be an assured figure in defence, the Wright/Hartson partnership is blossoming and the midfield is both competitive and creative.

## MERLIN'S Guide to Upton Park

### HOW TO GET THERE BY CAR

From the M1, turn off onto the A1 at Junction 2/3. Join the A406 North Circular Road eastbound and continue for 17 miles until the junction with the A214 Barking Road. Turn right into Barking Road and continue for 2 miles, turning right into Green Street. Upton Park is on the right.

### Manager

Harry Redknapp

### OFFICIAL WEBSITE

<http://www.westhamunited.co.uk>

### ESSENTIAL NUMBERS

Club Number: 0181 548 2748  
Tickets: 0181 548 2700  
Credit Card  
Bookings: 0181 548 2700  
Recorded Info: 0181 548 2761  
Club Call: 0891 12 11 65\*

\* Calls cost 50p per minute at all times  
Obtain permission from the bill-payer before calling

## Team Kits

### Away Kit

White shirts, shorts and socks, all with claret trim.



### Home Kit

Claret shirts with sky blue and white trim, white shorts with claret and sky blue trim, claret socks with sky blue and white trim.



### Sponsor

Dr Martens

### Kit Manufacturer

PONY



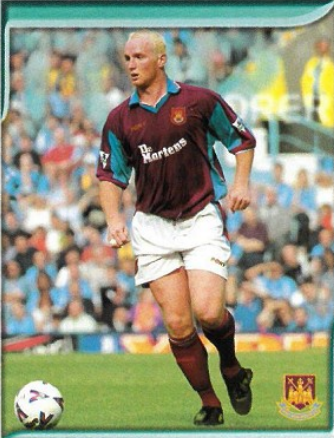
## Fixtures

home	away
Sheffield Wednesday January 16th	Manchester United January 9th
Arsenal February 6th	Wimbledon January 30th
Nottingham Forest February 13th	Liverpool February 20th
Blackburn Rovers February 27th	Southampton March 6th
Newcastle United March 20th	Chelsea March 13th
Charlton Athletic April 5th	Aston Villa April 3rd
Derby County April 17th	Leicester City April 10th
Leeds United May 1st	Tottenham Hotspur April 24th
Middlesbrough May 16th	Everton May 8th





# 1997-98 Season Goalscorers



Moncur  
Rieper  
Unsworth  
Omoyinmi  
Lazaridis  
Pearce  
Lomas  
Kitson  
Abou  
Sinclair  
Berkovic  
Lampard  
Hartson



## Top Scorer JOHN HARTSON

The young Welsh striker enjoyed an exciting season with the Hammers. His 15 league goals have reinforced the fiery forward's reputation as one of the league's best strikers.

## When the goals were scored

first half

Team goals for

second half



first half

Team goals against

second half



European Cup Winners' Cup Winners 1965



Charity Shield Winners 1964 (shared)



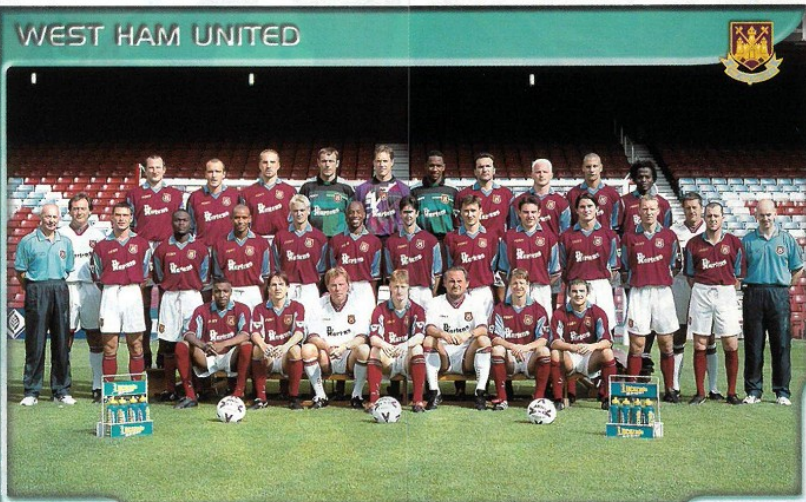
FA Cup Winners 1964, 1975, 1980



League Best Position 3rd, Division I 1985/86



## WEST HAM UNITED



## Premier League Record

1997-98 8th  
1996-97 14th  
1995-96 10th  
1994-95 14th  
1993-94 13th  
1992-93 2nd  
Division I

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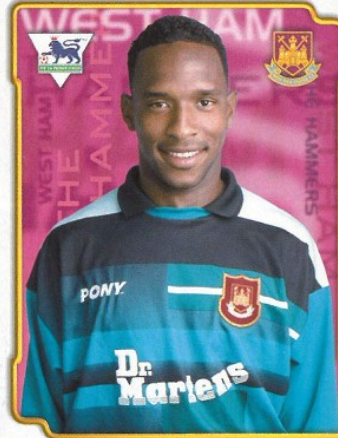


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## SHAKA HISLOP

Born: London, 22-2-69  
Height: 1.98m Weight: 77kg  
Shaka uses his height to great effect, especially at crosses. Strong performances for Newcastle saw Shaka drafted into the full England squad.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
92/93-93/94	Reading	2	58	-
94/95	Reading	1	46	-
95/96-97/98	Newcastle	P	53	-
Totals			157	-



Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
85/86	Birmingham	1	23	-
86/87-87/88	Birmingham	2	66	1
88/89-89/90	West Ham	1	42	2
89/90-90/91	West Ham	2	53	3
91/92-92/93	West Ham	1	57	14
93/94	West Ham	P	7	-
Sep 93-94/95	Liverpool	P	24	3
Oct 94-96/97	West Ham	P	94	21
97/98	West Ham	P	-	-
Totals			366	54

Born: Bristol, 8-8-68  
Height: 1.70m Weight: 73kg  
Accomplished left-sided defender whose hard-man image and a series of gruesome injuries have prevented him from gaining the recognition he deserves.

## JULIAN DICKS

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## NEIL RUDDOCK

Born: London, 9-5-68  
Height: 1.88m Weight: 79kg  
Brave defender who has won full England international honours. Impressed during a loan spell at QPR before moving to Upton Park.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
85/86	Millwall	2	-	-
86/87-87/88	Tottenham	1	9	-
88/89	Millwall	1	2	1
88/89-91/92	Southampton	1	107	9
92/93	Tottenham	P	38	3
93/94-97/98	Liverpool	P	15	11
97/98	QPR (L)	1	7	-
Totals			271	24

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
95/96-96/97	West Ham	P	16	2
96/97	Bournemouth (L)	2	10	-
97/98	West Ham	P	35	-
Totals			61	2

Born: Peckham, 7-11-78  
Height: 1.89m Weight: 76kg  
A superb natural talent who is being hailed as a future England captain. Reads the game effortlessly from sweeper or the centre of defence.

## RIO FERDINAND

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## IAN PEARCE

Born: Bury St Edmunds, 7-5-74  
Height: 1.85m Weight: 78kg  
Big, fast and skilful central defender who has impressed since joining the Hammers in September 1997. League winner with Blackburn Rovers in 1995.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
90/91-91/92	Chelsea	1	3	-
92/93-93/94	Chelsea	P	1	-
Oct 93-97/98	Blackburn	P	62	2
97/98	West Ham	P	30	1
Totals			96	3

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
1993-1996	Colo Colo, CHI		73	7
1997	Udall Catolica, CHI		18	2
1998	Udall Catolica, CHI		91	9
Totals			91	9

Born: Chile, 10-5-69  
Height: 1.85m Weight: 88kg  
Chile international defender who played in all his country's World Cup 98 games. Played for the Rest of the World in the World Cup all-star game.

## JAVIER MARGAS

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## TREVOR SINCLAIR

Born: Dulwich, 2-3-73  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 71kg  
A spectacular goalscorer whose form has been sensational since returning to the Premiership. Scored twice on his league debut for West Ham.

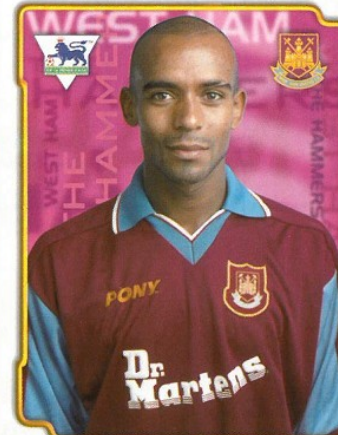
Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
89/90	Blackpool	3	9	-
90/91-91/92	Blackpool	4	58	4
92/93	Blackpool	2	45	11
93/94-95/96	QPR	P	102	10
96/97-97/98	QPR	P	1	65
97/98	West Ham	P	14	7
Totals			293	38

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
91/92	Man City	1	73	7
92/93-95/96	Man City	P	76	5
96/97	Man City	1	35	3
96/97-97/98	West Ham	P	40	2
Totals			151	10

Born: Hanover, D, 18-4-74  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 80kg  
A popular club captain who has become a big hit with Hammers fans. Bosses the game well from midfield. Has an excellent long throw.

## STEVE LOMAS

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## JOHN MONCUR

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
84/85-86/87	Tottenham		1	4
86/87	Doncaster (L)		3	4
87/88	Cambridge (L)		4	7
87/88-88/89	Tottenham		6	7
88/89	Portsmouth (L)		1	2
89/90	Tottenham		1	3
89/90	Brentford (L)		3	5
90/91-91/92	Tottenham		1	3
91/92	Ipswich (L)		1	2
91/92	Nott'm F. (L)		1	6
91/92-93/94	Swindon	P12	58	5
94/95-97/98	West Ham	P	96	12
Totals			201	52

Born: Stepney, 22-9-66  
Height: 1.70m Weight: 58kg

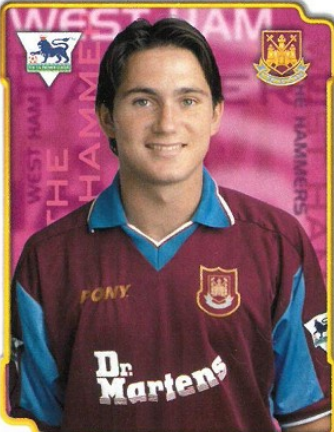
A likeable midfielder who has excellent passing skills and unquenchable thirst for success. Always a player you can rely on.

Born: Perth, AUS, 16-8-72  
Height: 1.75m Weight: 76kg

This flying Australian international winger loves to drift infield. Possesses a powerful shot as well as an accurate, curling cross.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
95/96-97/98	West Ham	P	54	3

## STAN LAZARIDIS



## FRANK LAMPARD JNR

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
94/95-96/96	West Ham	P	2	1
96/96	Swansea (L)		2	4
96/97-97/98	West Ham	P	44	4
Totals			55	5

Born: Romford, 20-6-78  
Height: 1.85m Weight: 75kg

One of the players of last season. Eye-catching performances in the West Ham midfield earned Frank England B and Under 21 debuts.

Born: Hammersmith, 13-9-71  
Height: 1.73m Weight: 66kg

Strong right-sided player who has adapted well to his switch from winger to his new wing-back role. Back to his best after an unlucky spell with injuries.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
90/91-91/92	QPR	I	8	-
92/93-96/97	QPR	P	174	13
97/98	West Ham	P	9	-
Totals			206	13

## ANDY IMPEY



## EYAL BERKOVIC

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
92/93-96/96	Maccabi H. IL	I	126	25
96/97	Southampton	P	28	4
97/98	West Ham	P	35	7
Totals			191	36

Born: Haifa, IL, 2-4-72  
Height: 1.72m Weight: 64kg

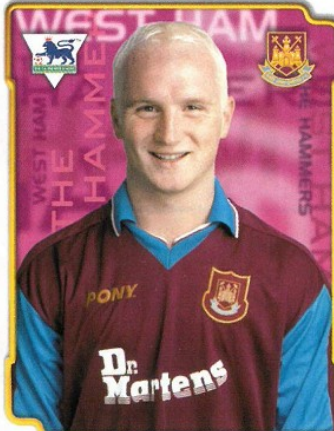
Silky-skilled playmaker who runs the West Ham attack with class. His pinpoint through balls create chances for others and he can finish as well.

Born: Murton, 9-1-71  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 69kg

This prolific striker will be hoping to get back to his best after an injury-plagued 1997/98 season. When fully fit he is unstoppable.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
88/89-91/92	Leicester C	2	50	6
92/93	Derby Co	1	44	17
Mar 93	Derby Co	2	12	4
93/94	Derby Co	1	41	8
94/95-96/97	Newcastle	P	36	10
96/97-97/98	West Ham	P	27	12
Totals			200	62

## PAUL KITSON



## JOHN HARTSON

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
92/93-94/95	Luton T	I	54	11
95/96-96/97	Arsenal	P	53	14
96/97-97/98	West Ham	P	43	20
Totals			150	45

Born: Swansea, 5-4-75  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 75kg

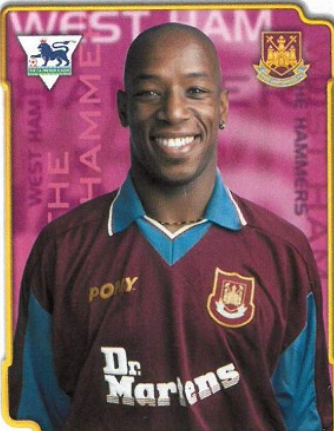
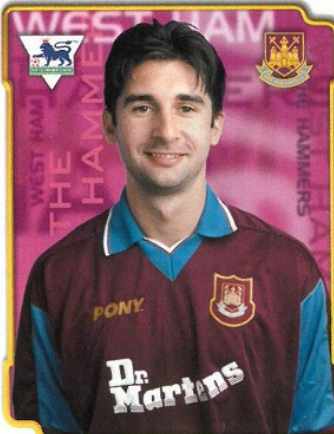
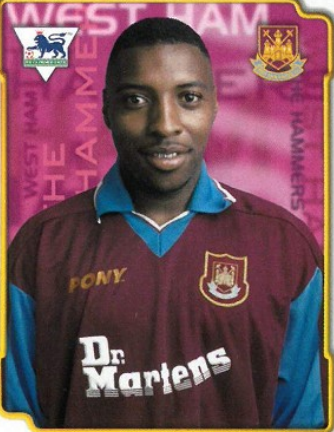
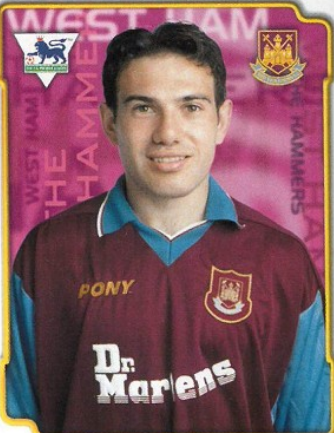
Powerful Welsh international striker who is being hailed as one of the most complete forwards in the Premier League — and still only 23 years old!

Born: Woolwich, 3-11-63  
Height: 1.75m Weight: 73kg

Arsenal's greatest ever goalscorer has moved across London for a new challenge with West Ham. One of the most liked players in the Premiership.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
85/86-88/89	Crystal P	2	153	61
89/90-91/92	Crystal P	1	72	28
Sep 91	Arsenal	I	30	24
92/93-97/98	Arsenal	P	186	104
Totals			441	217

## IAN WRIGHT





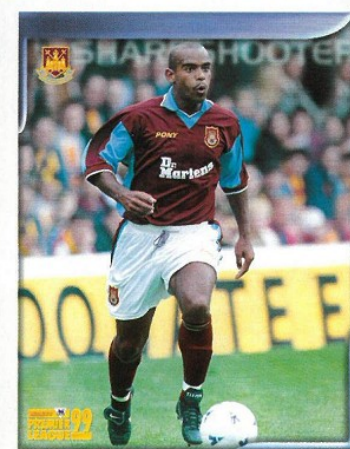


## TIM BREAKER

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
83/84-90/91	Luton T	I	20	3
Oct 90	West Ham	2	24	1
91/92-92/93	West Ham	I	73	4
93/94-97/98	West Ham	P	140	3
Totals			447	11

Born: Bicester, 2-7-65  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 83kg

Attacking defender whose forays down the right flank add an extra dimension to the West Ham side. Getting back to his best after a niggling groin injury.



Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
84/85-88/89	West Ham	I	46	-
89/90-90/91	West Ham	2	69	-
91/92-92/93	West Ham	I	80	-
93/94-97/98	West Ham	P	159	-
Totals			354	1

Born: Hartford, USA, 7-5-67  
Height: 1.70m Weight: 68kg

Reliable central defender who performed superbly when called upon last season. Made his 400th first-team appearance for West Ham in 1997.

## STEVE POTTS

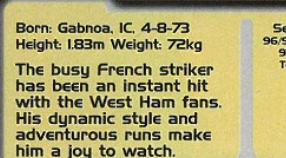
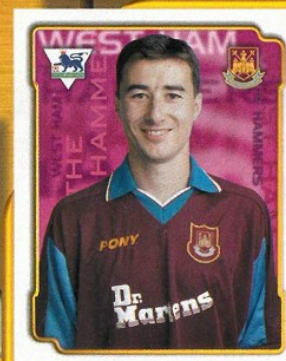


## MARC KELLER

Born: Colmar, F, 14-1-68  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 75kg

French international midfielder who has impressed since joining Harry Redknapp's growing foreign legion under the Bosman ruling.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
89/90-90/91	Mulhouse, F	I	36	2
91/92-95/96	Strasbourg, F	I	149	35
96/97	Karlsruhe, D	I	61	13
Totals			246	50

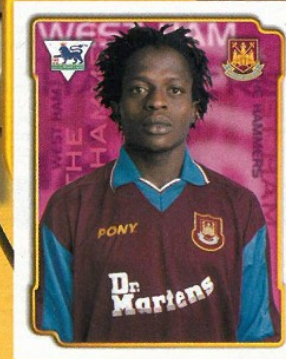


## SAMASSI ABOU

Born: Gabon, IC, 4-8-73  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 72kg

The busy French striker has been an instant hit with the West Ham fans. His dynamic style and adventurous runs make him a joy to watch.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
96/97-97/98	Cannes, F	I	37	5
97/98	West Ham	P	19	5
Totals			56	10



## 1997/98 Performance Analysis

### Team Performance

Shots On Target **511**

Shots On Target **40%**

Hartson **48**

Pass Completion **72%**

Berkovic **1192**

Tackles Won **61%**

Lomas **31**

Dribble Success **78%**

Berkovic **131**

Cross Completion **30%**

Lazaridis **31**

## Fans' Favourite Rio Ferdinand

Dribble Success **90%**

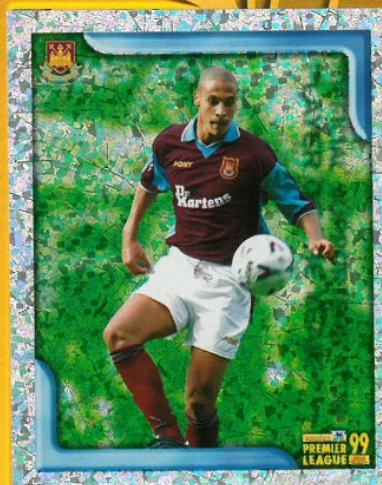
Tackles Won **75%**

Short Pass Success **53%**

Long Pass Success **90%**

Position: Defender

97/98 League Record:  
35 APPS/0 GOALS



## Goalscorers Top Ten

\*Player still with club

Cottee **23**

Dicks\* **21**

Hartson\* **20**

Morley **13**

Kitson\* **12**

Hutchison **11**

Allen **9**

Chapman **8**

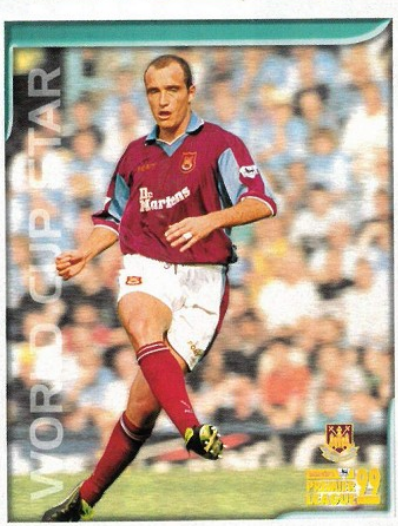
Dowie **8**

Berkovic\*/T Sinclair\* **7**



# 1998 World Cup Star

Javier Margas



Dribble Success

50%

Tackles Won

75%

Short Pass Success

69%

Long Pass Success

61%



Country: Chile  
Position: Defender

Mins on Pitch: 333  
Goals Scored: 0



**Key Player**  
Eyal Berkovic

Position: Midfielder

97/98 League Record:  
35 APPS/7 GOALS

36%

82%

29%

80%

Shots On Target

Dribble Success

Cross Completion

Pass Completion



Hotshot



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# Wimbledon

Joe Kinnear's Crazy Gang are proving to be as competitive as ever. The collective team spirit that inspires the best from his players continues to pay dividends for Kinnear as Wimbledon remain typically resilient and difficult to beat. With a flock of young stars bursting through the ranks the Crazy Gang have a few trump cards up their sleeve too.

## MERLIN'S Guide to Selhurst Park

### HOW TO GET THERE BY CAR

Exit the M1 at Junction 1 onto the A406 North Circular Road. Continue along this road until you reach the Chiswick roundabout, then take the A205 South Circular, which joins the A3, to Wandsworth. Follow the one-way system and turn right onto the A214 Trinity Road to Streatham. Turn onto the A23 Streatham High Street and left onto the A214 Crown Lane. At the junction turn right onto the A215 Beulah Hill and then right into Whitehorse Lane. The ground is on the left.

**Manager**  
**Joe Kinnear**

**OFFICIAL WEBSITE**  
[www.wimbledon-fc.co.uk](http://www.wimbledon-fc.co.uk)

### ESSENTIAL NUMBERS

Club Number: 0181 771 2233  
Tickets: 0181 771 8841  
Credit Card  
Bookings: 0181 771 8841  
Junior Club Line: 0181 771 2233  
Club Call: 0891 12 11 75\*

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## Team Kits

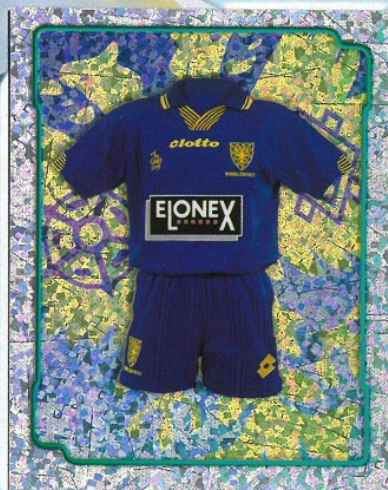
### Away Kit

Red shirts, shorts and socks, all with black trim.



### Home Kit

Navy blue shirts, shorts and socks, all with gold trim.

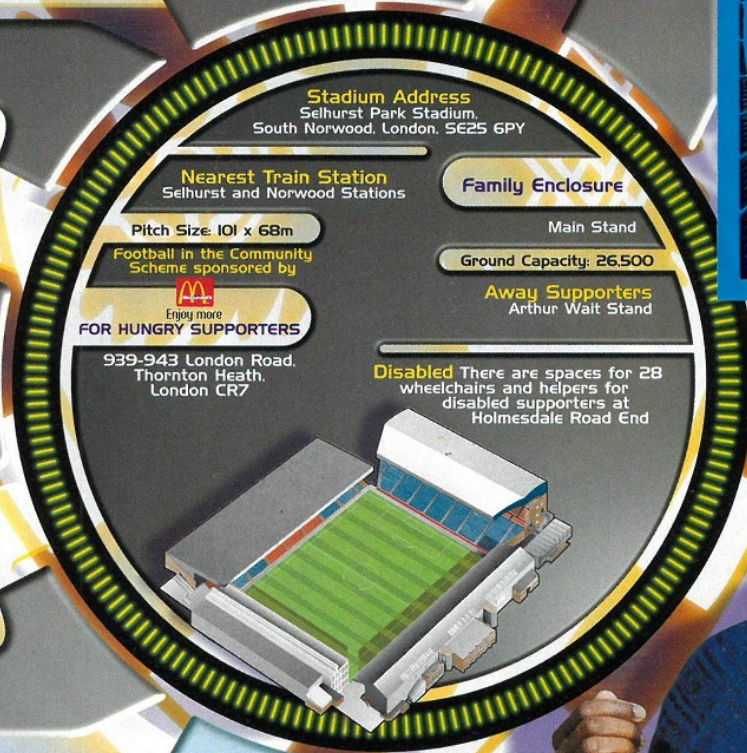


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**Stadium Address**  
Selhurst Park Stadium,  
South Norwood, London, SE25 6PY

**Nearest Train Station**  
Selhurst and Norwood Stations

**Family Enclosure**

**Main Stand**

**Pitch Size:** 101 x 68m

**Ground Capacity:** 26,500

**Football in the Community Scheme sponsored by**

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Arthur Wait Stand

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939-943 London Road,  
Thornton Heath,  
London CR7

**Disabled** There are spaces for 28 wheelchairs and helpers for disabled supporters at Holmesdale Road End



## Fixtures

**home**

**away**

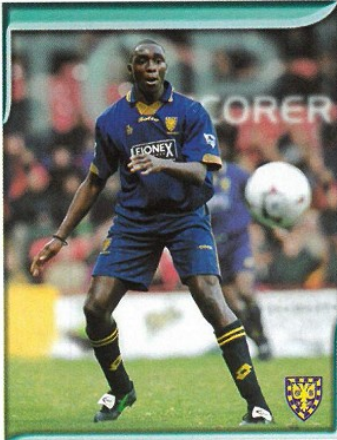
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West Ham United	January 30th
Aston Villa	February 20th
Leicester City	March 6th
Nottingham Forest	March 13th
Manchester United	April 3rd
Chelsea	April 10th
Newcastle United	April 24th
Southampton	May 8th

Tottenham Hotspur	January 16th
Charlton Athletic	February 6th
Sheffield Wednesday	February 13th
Everton	February 27th
Blackburn Rovers	March 20th
Middlesbrough	April 5th
Arsenal	April 12th
Coventry City	May 1st
Liverpool	May 16th





# 1997-98 Season Goalscorers



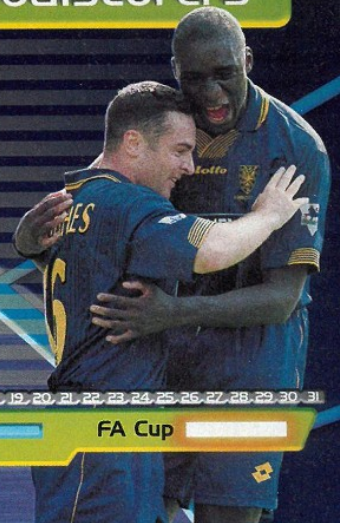
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Ekoku  
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Cort  
M. Hughes  
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League

League Cup

FA Cup



## Top SCORER CARL LEABURN

Of the Dons five joint-top Premier League scorers last season, it was Leaburn who caught the eye most. His important strikes for the club included a brace of goals against rivals Crystal Palace.

## When the goals were scored

first half

Team goals for

second half

5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 mins 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40

first half

Team goals against

second half

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WIMBLEDON



## Premier League Record

1997-98 15th  
1996-97 8th  
1995-96 14th  
1994-95 9th  
1993-94 6th  
1992-93 12th

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G

## NEIL SULLIVAN

Born: Sutton, 24-2-70  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 77kg

This vastly improved Scottish international goalkeeper is in the form of his life. He kept 15 clean sheets last season, four of them in succession.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
88/89-91/92	Wimbledon	1	2	-
91/92	Crystal P (L)	1	1	-
92/93-97/98	Wimbledon	P	104	-
Totals			107	-



## KENNY CUNNINGHAM

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## ALAN KIMBLE

Born: Poole, 6-8-66  
Height: 1.73m Weight: 79kg

Pacy left-back who is dangerous from set pieces and noted for his curling crosses. Pushed up into midfield last season where he performed well.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
84/85-85/86	Charlton	2	6	-
85/86	Exeter C (L)	4	-	-
86/87-89/90	Cambridge	4	105	16
90/91	Cambridge	3	43	4
91/92	Cambridge	2	45	-
92/93	Cambridge	1	46	4
93/94-97/98	Wimbledon	P	127	-
Totals			433	24



## CHRIS PERRY

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## DEAN BLACKWELL

Born: London, 5-12-69  
Height: 1.86m Weight: 81kg

An agile, physical central defender who joined Wimbledon straight from school and has gone on to become one of the club's most reliable performers.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
88/89-89/90	Wimbledon	1	3	-
89/90	Plymouth (L)	2	7	-
90/91-91/92	Wimbledon	1	39	1
92/93-97/98	Wimbledon	P	182	-
Totals			161	1



## BEN THATCHER

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M

## CERI HUGHES

Born: Pontypridd, 26-2-71  
Height: 1.79m Weight: 80kg

Hughes is a Welsh international midfielder who can play on either wing. The never-say-die spirit of this tenacious tackler typifies the spirit of the Dons.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
89/90-95/96	Luton T	1	89	8
96/97	Luton T	2	36	4
97/98	Wimbledon	P	17	1
Totals			152	13



Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
81/82-82/83	Port Vale	4	8	1
83/84	Port Vale	3	12	-
84/85-85/86	Port Vale	4	92	30
86/87-88/89	Port Vale	3	104	23
89/90-90/91	Port Vale	2	78	23
91/92	Wimbledon	1	40	14
92/93-97/98	Wimbledon	P	183	37
Totals			517	128

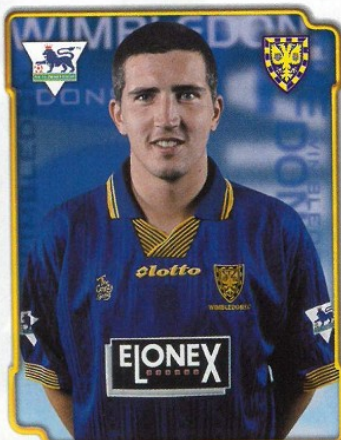
## ROBBIE EARLE

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Born: Newcastle-u-Lyme, 27-1-65  
Height: 1.75m Weight: 68kg

Flamboyant player who is popular with the Dons fans and who always gives 100% effort. Scored Jamaica's first ever World Cup goal during France '98.





## ANDY ROBERTS

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
91/92	Millwall	2	7	-
92/93-94/95	Millwall	1	81	5
95/96-96/97	Crystal P	1	83	2
97/98	Wimbledon	P	12	1
Totals			233	8

Born: Dartford, 20-3-74  
Height: 1.92m Weight: 91kg

A solid midfielder who can also play as sweeper. He was club captain at local rivals Crystal Palace before being snapped up by Joe Kinnear.

Born: Epsom, 1-9-72  
Height: 1.75m Weight: 77kg

Ardley is a battling, hard-working player. He's a regular on the right of Wimbledon's midfield and is an excellent crosser of the ball.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
91/92	Wimbledon	1	9	-
92/93-97/98	Wimbledon	P	128	10
Totals			137	10

## NEAL ARDLEY



## MICHAEL HUGHES

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
88/89	Man City	2	1	-
89/90-91/92	Man City	1	25	1
92/93-94/95	Strasbourg F	1	63	9
94/95-96/96	West Ham (L)	P	45	2
96/97-97/98	West Ham	P	38	3
97/98	Wimbledon	P	29	4
Totals			221	19

Born: Larne, 2-8-71  
Height: 1.68m Weight: 67kg

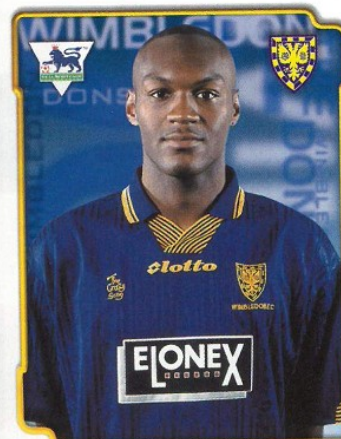
Wimbledon supporters voted "Hughesy" their Player of the Year last season. This tricky winger has a sweet left foot and is an excellent passer of the ball.

Born: Manchester, 8-6-67  
Height: 1.86m Weight: 76kg

Nigerian international striker who will be hoping to bounce back after an injury plagued 1997/98 season. Known as "Chief", he always leads by example.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
90/91-91/92	Bournemouth	3	48	14
92/93	Bournemouth	2	14	7
Mar 93-94/95	Norwich	P	37	15
Oct 94-97/98	Wimbledon	P	100	31
Totals			199	67

## EFAN EKOKU



## MARCUS GAYLE

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
88/89-91/92	Brentford	3	63	12
92/93-93/94	Brentford	2	73	10
Mar 94-97/98	Wimbledon	P	152	17
Totals			288	39

Born: Hammersmith, 27-9-70  
Height: 1.88m Weight: 82kg

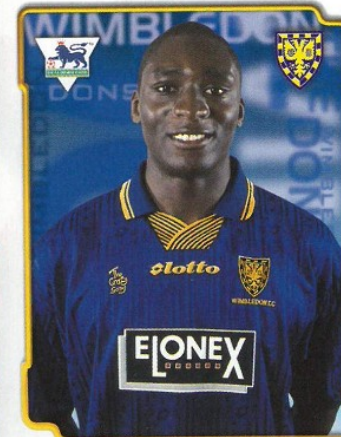
A quick and skilful forward who starred for Jamaica in the 1998 World Cup. His powerful bustling style makes him a handful for defenders.

Born: Walthamstow, 2-6-71  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 74kg

Goodman joined the Dons along with Kenny Cunningham in November 1994 from rivals Millwall. He's a tough striker who likes to compete.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
90/91-91/92	Millwall	2	40	8
92/93-94/95	Millwall	1	69	27
Nov 94-97/98	Wimbledon	P	59	11
Totals			168	46

## JON GOODMAN



## CARL LEABURN

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
86/87-89/90	Charlton	1	60	3
89/90	Northampton (L)	3	9	-
90/91-91/92	Charlton	2	59	12
92/93-97/98	Charlton	1	203	38
97/98	Wimbledon	P	16	4
Totals			347	57

Born: Lewisham, 30-3-69  
Height: 1.91m Weight: 83kg

Tall, rangy forward that defenders hate to mark, especially at set pieces. He's an excellent target man and leader of the front line.

Born: Dublin, IRL, 15-5-76  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 73kg

High-profile left-sided winger who traded Anfield for a return to London. Young, pacy and skilful he is an exciting prospect for the Dons.

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
92/93-94/95	Millwall	1	43	9
94/95-97/98	Liverpool	P	16	-
97/98	QPR (L)	1	8	2
97/98	Wimbledon	P	4	-
Totals			71	11

## MARK KENNEDY







## BRIAN McALLISTER

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
88/89-90/91	Wimbledon	1	3	-
90/91	Plymouth (L)	2	8	-
91/92	Wimbledon	1	10	-
92/93-95/96	Wimbledon	P	42	-
95/96	Crewe (L)	2	8	1
96/97-97/98	Wimbledon	P	30	-
Totals			106	1

Born: Glasgow, 30-11-70  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 78kg

Strong Scottish international defender who is getting back to his best after missing most of the 1997/98 season with an ankle injury.



Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
92/93-97/98	Wimbledon	P	71	4

Born: London, 10-9-73  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 72kg

On his day Fear is a superb all-round player. Often used by the Dons as a utility player, he always gives 100% and never stops running.

## PETER FEAR

F

## JASON EUELL

Born: South London, 6-2-77  
Height: 1.82m Weight: 71kg

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
95/96-97/98	Wimbledon	P	34	8

Young, lightning-quick striker who has bags of potential. Already an England Under-21 star. Jason is attracting attention from many Premier League scouts.



Born: Southwark, 1-11-77  
Height: 1.95m Weight: 79kg

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
96/97	Wimbledon	P	1	-
96/97	Lincoln (L)	3	6	1
97/98	Wimbledon	P	22	4
Totals			29	5

A quick, keen striker who scored in his first appearance of last season for the Dons. He is developing into a promising target man.

## CARL CORT



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## Fans' Favourite Michael Hughes

Shots On Target

43%

Dribble Success

72%

Tackles Won

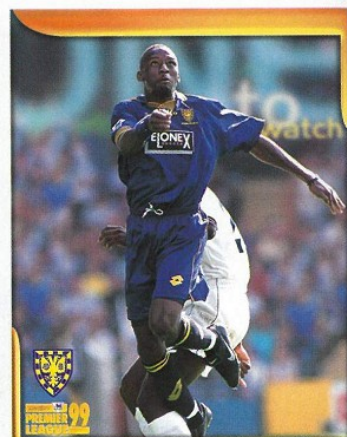
51%

Pass Completion

75%

Position: Midfielder

97/98 League Record:  
29 APPS/4 GOALS



## 1997/98 Performance Analysis

Team Performance

Leading Player

Shots On Target **422** 19

Shots On Target **36%** 17

Cort **26**

Pass Completion **67%** 19

Cunningham **842**

Tackles Won **64%** 6

Cunningham **70**

Dribble Success **68%** 20

M Hughes **142**

Cross Completion **30%** 6

M Hughes **39**

## Goalscorers Top Ten

\*Player still with club

Holdsworth **58**

Earle\* **37**

Ekoku\* **31**

Fashanu **17**

Gayle\* **17**

Leonhardsen **13**

Jones **12**

Clarke\* **11**

Goodman\* **11**

Ardley\* **10**



# 1998 World Cup Star

Robbie Earle



Shots On Target

50%

Pass Completion

85%

Tackle Success

75%

Cross Completion

50%



Country: Jamaica  
Position: Midfielder

Mins on Pitch: 90  
Goals Scored: 1



Key Player  
Chris Perry

Position: Defender

97/98 League Record:  
35 APPS/1 GOAL

22%

78%

70%

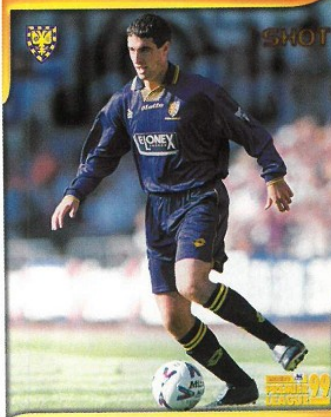
75%

Shots On Target

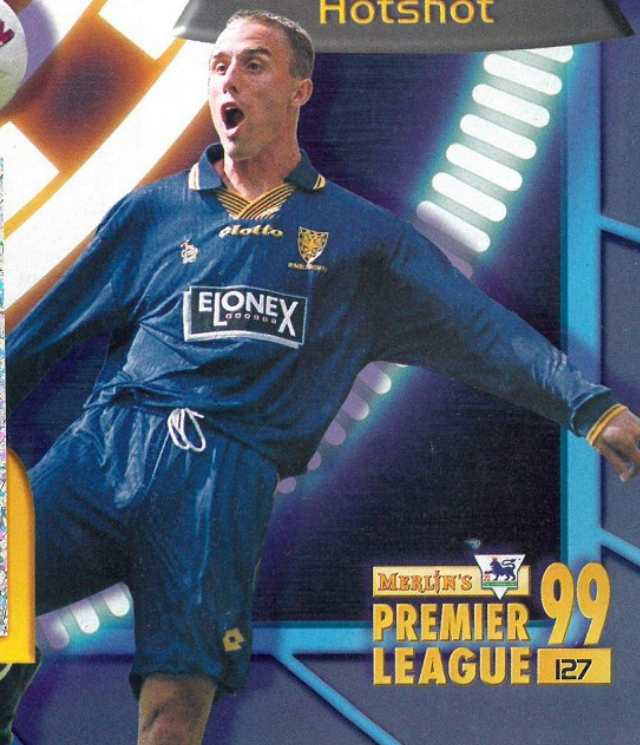
Dribble Success

Tackles Won

Pass Completion



Hotshot



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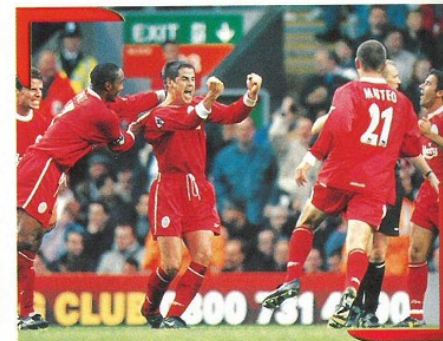
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**Monday 5th April 99**

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Crystal Palace National Sports Centre,  
Upper Norwood, London

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Ponds Forge International Sports Centre,  
Sheaf Street, Sheffield

**Thursday 3rd June 99**

Newcastle Telewest Arena,  
Arena Way, Newcastle Upon Tyne

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St George's Hall,  
William Brown Street, Liverpool

**Saturday 5th June 99**

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Manchester

**Saturday 12th June 99**

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Plymouth

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Richfield Avenue, Reading

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**Saturday 17th July 99**

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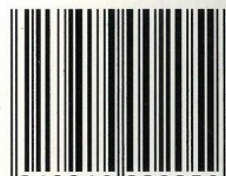
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**W**ho could have imagined that the 98/99 Premier League season would be so enthralling? Transfer activity has been frantic, an exciting crop of young players are showing established stars some new tricks, the championship race is still wide open and non-stop off-the-pitch stories have made the Premier League the talk of the town.

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EDITORS NOTE: The final date for compiling this album was February 8, 1999. All reasonable efforts were made to ensure that the data was accurate at that time. Our apologies for any subsequent transfers that we weren't able to include but we promise to bring you pictures of all the latest signings in their new club kits in our next Premier League sticker collection.

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# August

After an eventful summer of World Cup football, the 1998/99 Premier League season kicked off on Saturday August 15. The first goal of the new season was scored after only seven minutes of play by Emile Heskey in Leicester's 2-2 draw with Manchester United. Other big stories during August included the appointment of Ruud Gullit as Newcastle United manager and Manchester United paying a club record £12.6million for Aston Villa's Dwight Yorke.



## Manager of the Month ALAN CURBISHLEY

Charlton's unbeaten run throughout August, which took them to the top of the Premiership for the first time in their history, earned Alan Curbishley the Carling Manager of the Month award for August. Curbishley is the first Charlton manager to win the accolade.

**D**

## GARETH BARRY

Born: Hastings, 23-02-81  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 79kg  
Barry is an essential part of Villa's title challenge. His composure on the ball and cool head in pressure situations show talent beyond his years.

AUGUST 15, 1998  
Team: Aston Villa  
Squad No: 15  
98/99 PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT  
August 15, 1998 vs Everton  
98/99 HOME LEAGUE DEBUT  
May 10, 1998 vs Arsenal  
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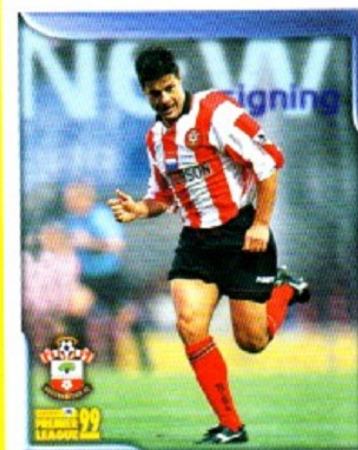


Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
86/87-89/90	Exeter City	4	188	5
90/91-91/92	Exeter City	3	79	3
92/93	Exeter City	2	33	3
92/93-95/96	Wham City	1	49	-
95/96	Manchester City	P	6	-
96/97	Manchester City	1	3	-
97/98	Manchester City	2	-	-
Totals			268	12

## SCOTT HILEY

Born: Plymouth, 27-9-68  
Height: 1.74m Weight: 72kg

AUGUST 16, 1998  
To: Southampton  
From: Manchester City  
Transfer Fee: Free  
Squad No: 23



**M**

## NOLBERTO SOLANO

Born: Lima, PER, 12-12-74  
Height: 1.71m Weight: 64kg  
AUGUST 22, 1998  
To: Newcastle United  
From: Boca Juniors, ARG  
Transfer Fee: £2,500,000  
Squad No: 24

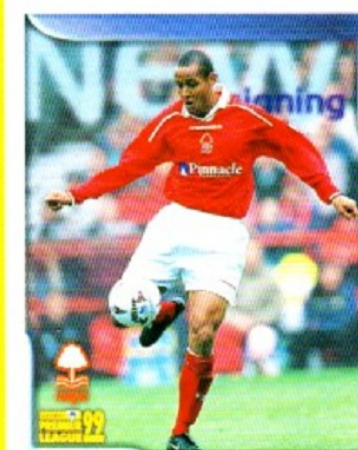
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94/95	S Cristal, PER	1	38	12
95/96	S Cristal, PER	1	26	0
96/97	S Cristal, PER	1	8	7
97/98	Boca Juniors, ARG	1	30	5
Totals			102	27



Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
95/96	QPR	P	3	-
96/97	QPR	1	0	-
97/98	QPR	1	33	3
Totals			36	3

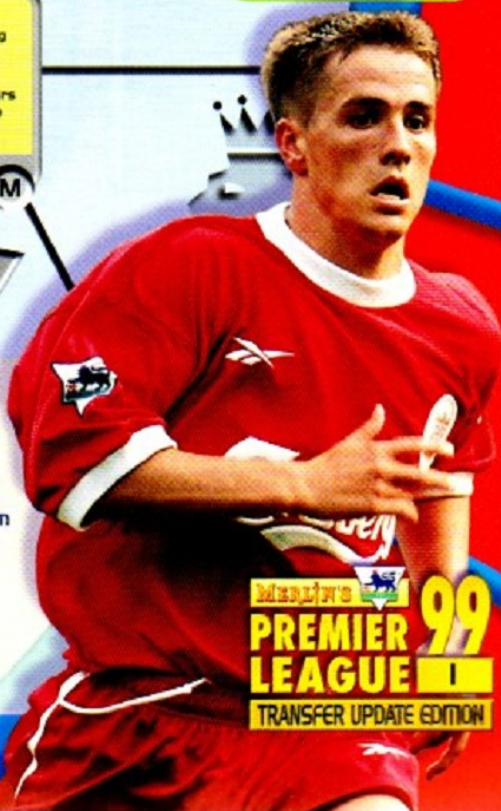
## NIGEL QUASHIE

Born: Nunhead, 20-7-78  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 78kg  
AUGUST 22, 1998  
To: Nottingham Forest  
From: Queens Park Rangers  
Transfer Fee: £2,500,000  
Squad No: 4



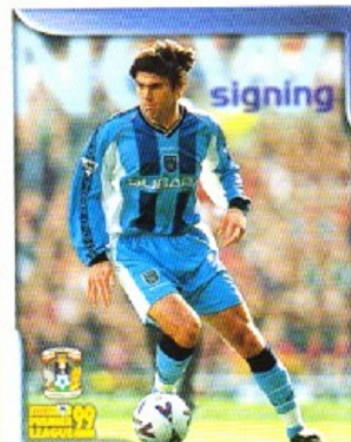
## Player of the Month MICHAEL OWEN

After a series of fantastic performances for England in the World Cup, Michael Owen's superb form continued into the new Premier League campaign. The Liverpool youngster's outstanding displays in the early weeks of the season earned him the Carling Player of the Month award for August. Owen started the season with the winning goal for Liverpool against Southampton and he finished the month with a sublime hat-trick against Newcastle United.



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## MARC EDWORTHY

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
90/91	Plymouth Argyle	2	15	-
91/92	Plymouth Argyle	2	15	-
92/93	Plymouth Argyle	2	15	-
93/94	Plymouth Argyle	2	12	-
94/95	Plymouth Argyle	2	27	1
95/96	Crystal Palace	1	44	-
96/97	Crystal Palace	1	45	-
97/98	Crystal Palace	P	34	-
Totals			192	1

Born: Barnstaple, 24-12-72  
Height: 179m Weight: 75kg

**AUGUST 26, 1998**  
To: Coventry City  
From: Crystal Palace  
Transfer Fee: £1,200,000  
Squad No: 27

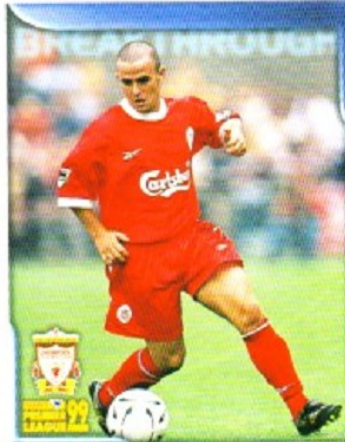
Born: Birkenhead, 12-9-77  
Height: 170m Weight: 64kg

Thompson's first-team appearances have become more frequent since he first made his Liverpool debut. He's an energetic and eager right-sided attacker.

**AUGUST 30, 1998**

Team: Liverpool  
Squad No: 25  
PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT:  
August 19, 1996 vs Arsenal  
DEBUT AGE: 18 years 342 days  
98/99 PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT:  
August 30, 1998 vs Newcastle Utd

## DAVID THOMPSON



# September

Takeover talks hit the headlines in September as rumours of a £625million bid for Manchester United by BskyB raised eyebrows around the league. The varying fortunes of Premiership managers were also highlighted as Christian Gross and Spurs parted company and John Gregory was named as the Manager of the Month.



**SEPT 1, 1998**

## Premier League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1 Liverpool	3	2	1	0	4	7
2 Aston Villa	3	2	1	0	3	7
3 Nottingham Forest	3	2	0	1	1	6
4 Charlton Athletic	3	1	2	0	5	5
5 Wimbledon	3	1	2	0	2	5
6 Arsenal	3	1	2	0	1	5
7 Leeds United	3	1	2	0	1	5
8 West Ham United	3	1	2	0	1	5
9 Leicester City	3	1	1	1	1	4
10 Coventry City	3	1	1	1	0	4
11 Blackburn Rovers	3	1	1	1	0	4
12 Sheffield Wednesday	3	1	0	2	1	3
13 Derby County	3	0	3	0	0	3
14 Tottenham Hotspur	3	1	0	2	-4	3
15 Manchester United	2	0	2	0	0	2
16 Middlesbrough	3	0	2	1	-2	2
17 Newcastle United	3	0	2	1	-3	2
18 Chelsea	2	0	1	1	-1	1
19 Everton	3	0	1	2	-3	1
20 Southampton	3	0	0	3	-7	0

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## KEVIN HARPER

Born: Oldham, 15-1-76  
Height: 165m Weight: 68kg

**SEPTEMBER 1, 1998**  
To: Derby County  
From: Hibernian  
Transfer Fee: £300,000  
Squad No: 11

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
93/94	Hibernian	SP	2	-
94/95	Hibernian	SP	23	5
95/96	Hibernian	SP	16	3
96/97	Hibernian	SP	26	5
97/98	Hibernian	SP	27	1
Totals			94	14



Born: Glasgow, 18-2-77  
Height: 177m Weight: 64kg

Dalglish is blessed with the blistering pace that defenders dread. His instinctive striking skills and intelligent play make him an ideal strike partner.

**SEPTEMBER 19, 1998**

Team: Newcastle United  
Squad No: 25  
PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT:  
September 19, 1998 vs Coventry City  
DEBUT AGE: 21 years 213 days

## PAUL DALGLISH

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Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
87/88-90/91	Sheff Wed	L/P	66	1
91/92-93/94	Nottingham Forest	P	3	-
94/95	Sheff Wed	L/P	1	2
95/96	Nottingham Forest	P	-	-
96/97-98/99	Aston Villa	P	12	1
97/98	Everton	P	19	1
Totals			106	6

Born: Sheffield, 11-2-70  
Height: 189m Weight: 87kg

**SEPTEMBER 29, 1998**  
To: Charlton Athletic  
From: Everton  
Transfer Fee: £700,000  
Squad No: 23

## CARL TILER

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## Player of the Month ALAN SHEARER

Alan Shearer's superb goalscoring form earned him the Player of the Month award for September. The England captain's six league goals lifted Newcastle to fifth place in the Premiership. Surprisingly, it is the first time the England captain has won the award outright — in November 1994 he shared it with Chris Sutton.







OCT 1, 1998

## Premier League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1 Aston Villa	7	5	2	0	7	17
2 Derby County	7	3	3	1	3	12
3 Wimbledon	7	3	3	1	2	12
4 West Ham United	7	3	3	1	2	12
5 Newcastle United	7	3	2	2	6	11
6 Manchester United	6	3	2	1	4	11
7 Leeds United	7	2	5	0	4	11
8 Liverpool	7	3	2	2	3	11
9 Chelsea	6	3	2	1	3	11
10 Arsenal	7	2	4	1	3	10
11 Sheffield Wednesday	7	3	0	4	3	9
12 Middlesbrough	7	2	3	2	0	9
13 Tottenham Hotspur	7	2	2	3	-6	8
14 Charlton Athletic	7	1	4	2	1	7
15 Everton	7	1	4	2	-1	7
16 Nottingham Forest	7	2	1	4	-4	7
17 Leicester City	7	1	3	3	-2	6
18 Blackburn Rovers	7	1	2	4	-5	5
19 Coventry City	7	1	2	4	-8	5
20 Southampton	7	0	1	6	-15	1

## October

A turbulent month of Premier League news started with the appointment of George Graham as the new Tottenham manager. Graham's latest managerial move received a mixed welcome from Spurs fans due to his connections with local rivals Arsenal. The other key story this month was the news that a variety of clubs were chasing the signature of Coventry striker Dion Dublin.

Born: Lincoln, 9-3-73  
Height: 177m Weight: 70kg

OCTOBER 1, 1998  
To: Coventry City  
From: Wolves  
Transfer Fee: £1,900,000  
Squad No: 26

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
90-91	Aston Villa	I	-	-
91-92	Aston Villa	I	9	1
92-93	Aston Villa	P	7	1
93-94	Aston Villa	P	9	1
94-95	Wolves	I	20	2
95-96	Wolves	I	18	1
96-97	Wolves	I	27	2
97-98	Wolves	I	33	2
Totals			133	9

STEVE FROGGATT

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## THE F.A. PREMIER LEAGUE

## STEPHEN McPHAIL

OCTOBER 3, 1998  
Team: Leeds United  
Squad No: 37  
PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT  
February 7, 1998 vs Leicester City  
DEBUT AGE: 18 years 60 days  
98-99 PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT  
October 3, 1998 vs Leicester City

Born: London, 9-12-79  
Height: 177m Weight: 76kg  
McPhail is one of a host of talented youngsters proving their worth at Elland Road. Given the full support of David O'Leary, McPhail is sure to be a huge success.

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Born: Manchester, 16-3-79  
Height: 1.86m Weight: 75kg

Brown has become a regular in Manchester United's first team this season. His fearless displays at right-back have been a joy to watch.

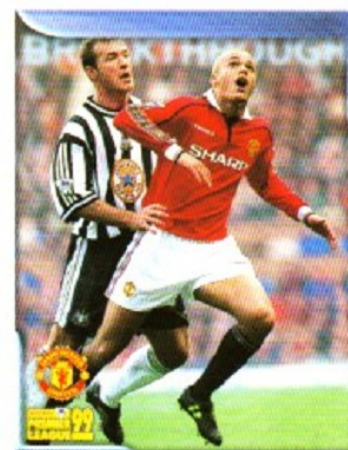
OCTOBER 3, 1998  
Team: Manchester United  
Squad No: 24  
PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT  
April 4, 1998 vs Leeds United  
DEBUT AGE: 19 years 19 days  
98-99 PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT  
October 3, 1998 vs Southampton

WES BROWN

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Player of the Month  
ROY KEANE

Roy Keane's return to top form after a career-threatening cruciate ligament injury was recognised with the Player of the Month award for October. After playing every minute of the Red Devils' 10 league games and leading the team to a series of first-class performances, it was clear that the midfield dynamo was well and truly back to his best.



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## Manager of the Month MARTIN O'NEILL

Leicester manager Martin O'Neill was presented the Manager of the Month award for Leicester City's superb league form during October. An unbeaten league run, despite high-profile speculation over O'Neill's future at Filbert Street, earned the animated Irishman the honour.

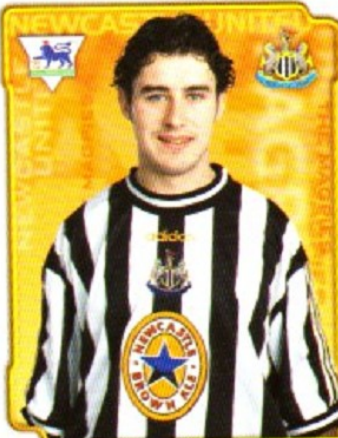


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### ANDY GRIFFIN

Born: Wigan, 17-3-79  
Height: 1.74m Weight: 68kg  
Griffin quickly proved that he is up to the challenge of the Premier League. This pacy defender is comfortable in either full-back position.

OCTOBER 4, 1998  
Team: Newcastle United  
Squad No: 38  
PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT:  
February 7, 1998 vs West Ham Utd  
DEBUT AGE: 18 years 327 days  
98/99 PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT:  
October 4, 1998 vs Arsenal



Born: Seguela, IC, 31-8-76  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 75kg  
OCTOBER 12, 1998  
To: Everton  
From: Montpellier, F  
Transfer Fee: £4,500,000  
Squad No: 26

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
95/96	Montpellier, F		14	-
96/97	Montpellier, F		27	8
97/98	Montpellier, F		29	7
Totals			69	20

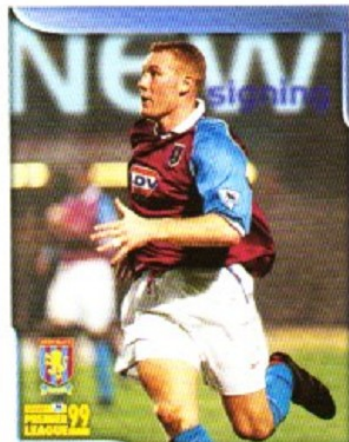
### IBRAHIMA BAKAYOKO



### STEVE WATSON

OCTOBER 15, 1998  
Transfer Fee: £4,000,000  
Squad No: 6  
ASTON VILLA DEBUTS:  
PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT:  
October 24, 1998 vs Leicester City  
HOME LEAGUE DEBUT:  
October 24, 1998 vs Leicester City

To: Aston Villa  
From: Newcastle United  
John Gregory was quick to sign Watson when the young Geordie was allowed to leave Newcastle. Steve is one of the Premier League's most consistent full-backs.



Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
90/91	Burnley	4	2	-
91/92	Burnley	4	3	-
92/93	Burnley	2	1	-
93/94	Bury (L)	3	5	3
94/95	Exeter City, D		1	2
95/96	Ipswich Town	1	29	1
96/97	Ipswich Town	1	29	1
Totals			63	6

Born: Wigan, 9-4-72  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 80kg  
OCTOBER 15, 1998  
To: Sheffield Wednesday  
From: Ipswich Town  
Transfer Fee: £75,000  
Squad No: 32

### DANNY SONNER



Any lingering World Cup hangovers soon vanished during October as a number of clubs continued their 98/99 Premiership campaigns in style. The improving standards of Premiership football were clear for all to see as six clubs — Arsenal, Aston Villa, Chelsea, Leicester, Middlesbrough and Manchester United — all enjoyed unbeaten league runs during the month.





Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
85/86-87/88	Doncaster R	3	66	12
88/89	Sheff Wed	3	43	22
89/90	Sheff Wed	2	45	28
90/91-92/92	Sheff Wed	1	60	25
92/93	Sheff Wed	P	41	14
93/94-96/97	Leeds Utd	P	188	32
97/98	Sheff Wed	1	24	8
Totals			425	137

Born: Leeds, 7-2-68  
Height: 191m Weight: 90kg

OCTOBER 16, 1998  
To: Middlesbrough  
From: Benfica, P  
Transfer Fee: £3,000,000  
Squad No: 10

## BRIAN DEANE

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## MICHAEL OAKES

Born: Northwich, 30-10-73  
Height: 189m Weight: 92kg

Since he replaced the injured Mark Bosnich in Villa's goal, Oakes has played with skill and agility, which has impressed colleagues and opponents alike.

OCTOBER 17, 1998  
Team: Aston Villa  
Squad No: 13  
PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT:  
August 17, 1996 vs Sheffield Wed  
DEBUT AGE: 22 years 292 days  
98/99 PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT:  
October 17, 1998 vs West Ham Utd



OCTOBER 17, 1998  
Team: Leeds United  
Squad No: 25

PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT:  
October 17, 1998 vs Nott'm Forest  
DEBUT AGE: 18 years 268 days

Born: Middlesbrough, 22-4-80  
Height: 183m Weight: 82kg

Injuries to key players offered Woodgate a chance to prove his talents. He responded superbly and has now established his place in Leeds' first team.

## JONATHAN WOODGATE

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## TONY DORIGO

Born: Melbourne, AUS, 31-12-65  
Height: 177m Weight: 60kg

OCTOBER 24, 1998  
To: Derby County  
From: Torino, I  
Transfer Fee: Free  
Squad No: 5

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
83/84-86/87	Aston Villa	1	11	1
87/88	Chelsea	1	40	-
88/89	Chelsea	2	40	6
89/90-90/91	Chelsea	1	64	5
91/92	Leeds United	1	38	3
92/93-95/96	Leeds United	P	85	2
96/97	Leeds United	P	18	-
97/98	Torino, I	S	30	2
Totals			458	19



Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
81/82	Preston NE	3	5	-
82/83	Cambridge Utd	1	4	1
83/84	Preston NE	2	25	-
90/94-95/96	Preston NE	3	36	12
95/96	Lincoln C	3	31	12
96/97	Lincoln C	3	46	22
97/98	Lincoln C	3	46	2
97/98	Port Vale	1	40	5
Totals			264	55

Born: Blackburn, 10-5-73  
Height: 172m Weight: 84kg

OCTOBER 29, 1998  
To: Wimbledon  
From: Port Vale  
Transfer Fee: £2,000,000  
Squad No: 26

## GARETH AINSWORTH

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## THE FA PREMIER LEAGUE

In a month that featured 20 clean sheets around the league, the Arsenal defence proved once again that it is the best in the Premiership. In recent campaigns Arsenal's rearguard has been the meanest in the league and October form indicated that this season was to be no exception. The Gunners conceded only two goals in their four league games — a Premiership best for the month.







## NATHAN BLAKE

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
89-90	Cardiff City	3	5	1
90-91	Cardiff City	4	77	10
91-92	Cardiff City	3	34	1
92-93	Cardiff City	2	20	14
93-94	Sheff Wed	P	12	5
94-95	Sheff Wed	1	57	29
95-96	Bolton W	P	18	1
96-97	Bolton W	1	42	19
97-98	Bolton W	P	35	12
<b>Totals</b>			<b>295</b>	<b>82</b>

Born: Cardiff, 21-7-72  
Height: 1.82m Weight: 88kg

**OCTOBER 30, 1998**  
To: Blackburn Rovers  
From: Bolton Wanderers  
Transfer Fee: £4,200,000  
Squad No: 14

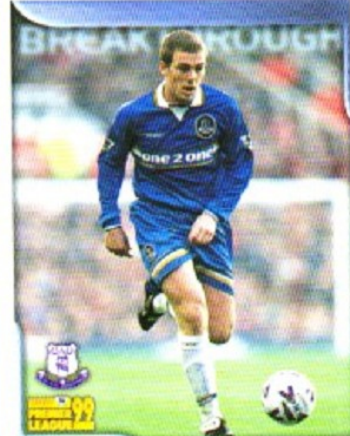
Born: Dublin, 28-9-79  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 83kg

Dunne has muscled his way into the first-team despite an abundance of defensive talent at Goodison Park. He's a strong and stylish defender with a big future.

**OCTOBER 31, 1998**

Team: Everton  
Squad No: 27  
PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT  
November 1, 1997 vs Sheffield Wed  
DEBUT AGE: 17 years 112 days  
98-99 PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT  
October 31, 1998 vs Manchester Utd

**RICHARD DUNNE**



# November

November saw the managers in the headlines again as Gérard Houllier took sole charge of Liverpool and Roy Hodgson parted company with Blackburn Rovers after a disappointing start to the season. It was widely speculated that Houllier's appointment at Anfield would see a massive reshaping of the Liverpool squad. Other news from the month included an audacious £8million bid by George Graham to bring England Under-21 star Frank Lampard Jr to White Hart Lane.

**NOV 1, 1998**

## Premier League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1. Aston Villa	10	6	4	0	8	22
2. Manchester United	10	6	3	1	14	21
3. Arsenal	11	5	5	1	8	20
4. Liverpool	11	4	4	3	6	16
5. Middlesbrough	10	4	4	2	5	16
6. Chelsea	9	4	4	1	4	16
7. Leicester City	11	4	4	3	1	16
8. West Ham United	11	4	4	3	0	16
9. Leeds United	11	2	8	1	3	14
10. Derby County	11	3	5	3	1	14
11. Newcastle United	11	4	2	5	-1	14
12. Wimbledon	11	3	5	3	-3	14
13. Tottenham Hotspur	10	4	2	4	-4	14
14. Charlton Athletic	10	3	4	3	3	13
15. Everton	11	2	6	3	-3	12
16. Sheffield Wednesday	11	3	2	6	-2	11
17. Blackburn Rovers	11	2	3	6	-4	9
18. Nottingham Forest	10	2	2	6	-9	8
19. Coventry City	11	2	2	7	-10	8
20. Southampton	11	1	3	7	-17	6

## DION DUBLIN

To: Aston Villa  
From: Coventry City

Dublin started his Villa career in stunning form. The big Englishman's goals and link-up play are vital to Villa's Premier League title chances.

**NOVEMBER 5, 1998**  
Transfer Fee: £5,750,000  
Squad No: 14

**ASTON VILLA DEBUTS:**  
PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT  
November 7, 1998 vs Tottenham  
HOME LEAGUE DEBUT  
November 7, 1998 vs Tottenham



Born: Steenbergen, NL, 29-11-69  
Height: 1.96m Weight: 89kg  
Van The Man returned to Forest to lead their Premier League fight back. The rangy forward is always a threat in front of goal, especially at set pieces.

**NOVEMBER 7, 1998**

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
89-90	RBC NL	1	69	33
90-91	NAC NL	1	99	71
91-92	Celtic	SP	14	4
92-93	Celtic	SP	34	26
93-94	Celtic	SP	14	4
94-95	Nott'n Forest	P	8	1
95-96	Nott'n Forest	1	42	29
<b>Totals</b>			<b>280</b>	<b>168</b>

**PIERRE VAN HOOIJDONK**



## Manager of the Month HARRY REDKNAPP

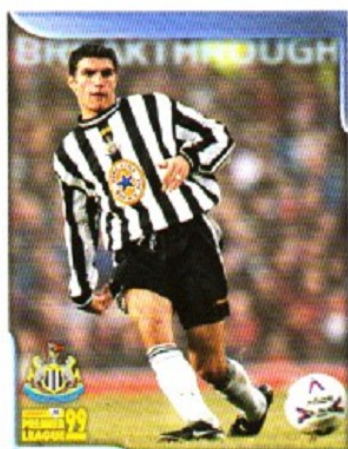
November was a great time for the Hammers. The Irons enjoyed an impressive unbeaten run that saw them climb to second in the Premier League and earn Harry Redknapp the Manager of the Month award. Their excellent form resulted in wins against Leicester, Derby and Tottenham, and a draw against Chelsea.

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## Player of the Month DION DUBLIN

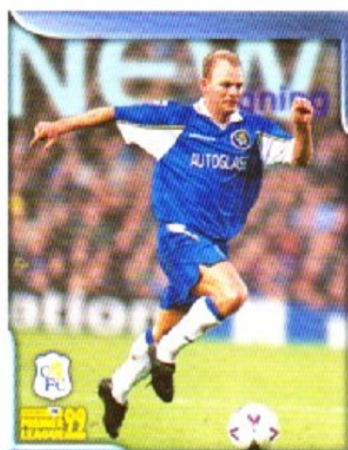
Aston Villa's new star Dion Dublin was announced as the Player of the Month for November after a run of superb individual performances helped sustain Villa's title challenge. Dublin scored seven goals during the month for Villa, including two against Spurs on his debut and a hat-trick against Southampton.



## AARON HUGHES

**NOVEMBER 8, 1998**  
Team: Newcastle United  
Squad No: 28  
PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT  
January 10, 1998 vs Sheffield Wed  
DEBUT AGE: 18 years 63 days  
98/99 PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT  
November 8, 1998 vs Manchester Utd

Born: Magherafelt, B-I-79  
Height: 183m Weight: 71kg  
Hughes is already a full Northern Ireland international and it is surely only a matter of time before he establishes himself as a first-team regular.



Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
1987	Næstved, DK	2	4	-
87/88-89/90	FC Schalke 04, D	1	74	8
90/91-92/93	FC Schalke 04, D	1	77	8
93/94	1. Borussia Dortmund, D	1	24	5
94/95	FC Köln, D	1	14	-
95/96	FC Köln, D	1	16	2
96/97	FC Copenhagen, DK	1	32	7
97/98	FC Copenhagen, DK	1	30	6
Totals			284	43

Born: Nykøbing Falster, DK, 6-10-68  
Height: 177m Weight: 76kg

## NOVEMBER 10, 1998

To: Chelsea  
From: FC Copenhagen, DK  
Transfer Fee: £330,000  
Squad No: 7

## BJARNE GOLDBAÆK

Born: Ostrava, CZ, 10-3-68  
Height: 188m Weight: 93kg  
**NOVEMBER 10, 1998**  
To: Sheffield Wednesday  
From: Banik Ostrava, CZ  
Transfer Fee: Free  
Squad No: 33

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
89/90-90/91	Banik O, CZ	1	30	-
90/91-91/92	Newcastle U	1	20	-
92/93	Newcastle U	1	32	-
93/94	Newcastle U	1	6	-
94/95	Newcastle U	1	30	-
95/96	Newcastle U	1	15	-
96/97	Newcastle U	1	22	-
97/98	Newcastle U	1	1	-
Totals			179	-

## PAVEL SRNICEK



Born: Wakefield, 28-10-80  
Height: 174m Weight: 66kg  
Smith made an immediate impact on Leeds' senior team with a debut goal at Anfield. He is an integral part of Leeds' talented young side.

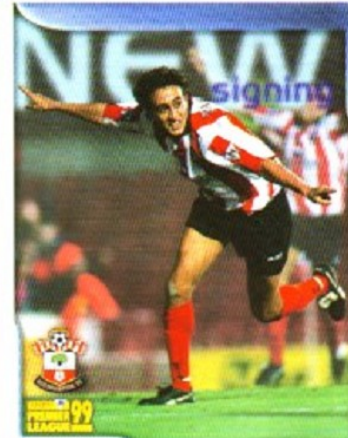
## ALAN SMITH

**NOVEMBER 14, 1998**  
Team: Leeds United  
Squad No: 39  
PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT  
November 14, 1998 vs Liverpool  
DEBUT AGE: 18 years 17 days

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
92/93	Nîmes, F	1	17	1
93/94	Nîmes, F	2	32	7
94/95	Nîmes, F	2	32	8
95/96	Strasbourg, F	2	20	6
96/97	Metz, F	1	7	-
97/98	St Etienne, L1, F	2	16	-
98/99	St Etienne, F	2	-	-
Totals			137	32

Born: Agadir, MOR, 19-2-73  
Height: 186m Weight: 75kg  
**NOVEMBER 21, 1998**  
To: Southampton  
From: St Etienne, F  
Transfer Fee: Free  
Squad No: 30

## HASSAN KACHLOUL





# Stars of Today

A flurry of transfer activity has seen some of the biggest names in the Premier League making multi-million pound moves to new clubs. With Premier League success ensuring fame and fortune, clubs are now willing to invest mega money for stars like Dion Dublin and Duncan Ferguson. For the players, the opportunity of a new challenge can take their career to new heights and secure their status alongside Premier League legends like Alan Shearer, Dennis Bergkamp and Eric Cantona.

Villa fans are hoping the arrival of Dion Dublin will take the Midlands side closer to their title dream.



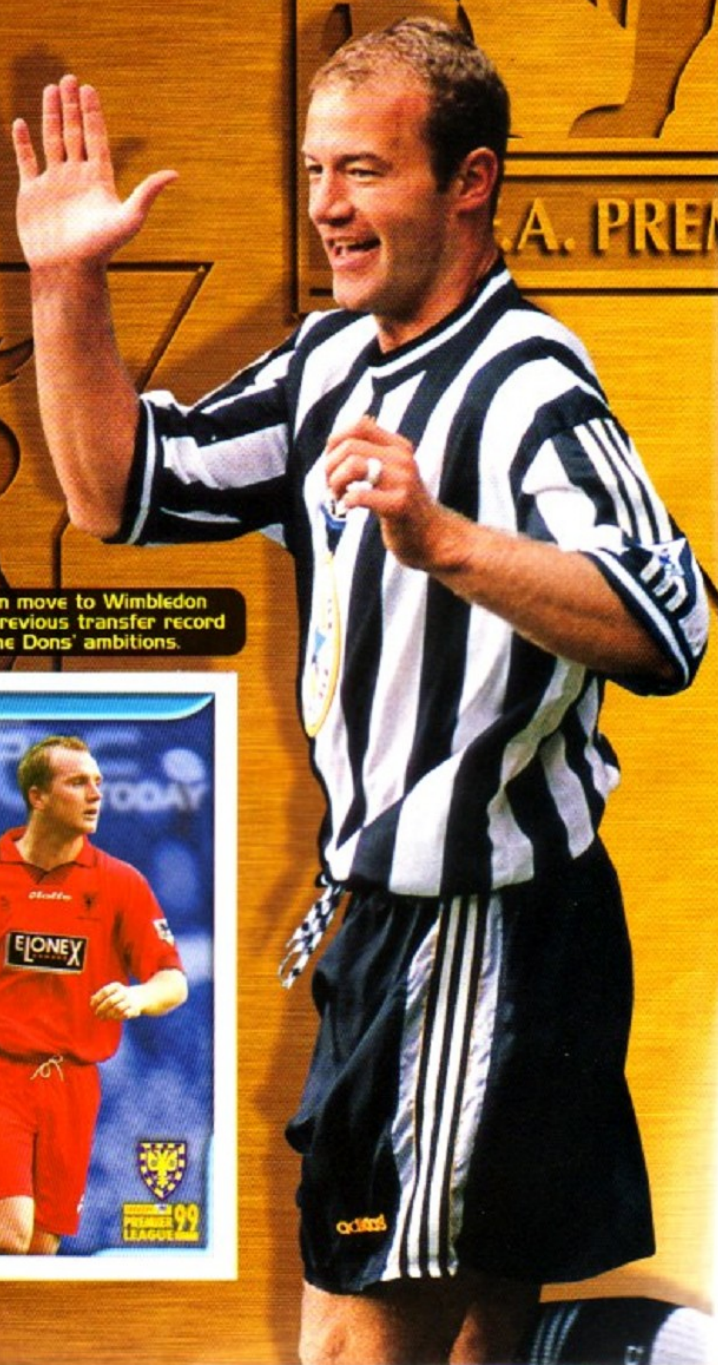
Brian Deane's attacking experience will be vital to Middlesbrough as the club aims to cement its status in the Premier League.



John Hartson's £7m move to Wimbledon smashed the club's previous transfer record and confirmed the Dons' ambitions.



Big Dunc's move to Newcastle United to partner Alan Shearer has created one of the Premiership's most awesome front lines.





# Stars of Tomorrow



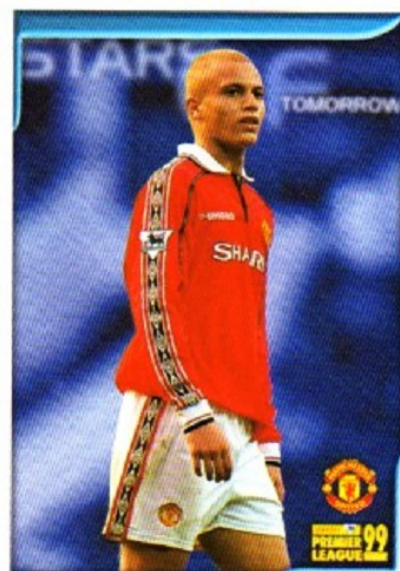
Gareth Barry has forged an excellent understanding with Gareth Southgate in the heart of Villa's defence.

Since Michael Owen made an impact on the football scene a host of young stars have been inspired to show the senior players a few new tricks. The latest crop of talented youngsters prove that English football has never had it so good. Wes Brown, Alan Smith, Joe Cole and Gareth Barry are just a few of the exciting teenage prospects pounding at the door of Premier League stardom. With so much talent waiting in the wings, the next generation of English soccer is the envy of footballing nations around the world.

Alan Smith has proved that he is at home in the Premier League with some excellent performances alongside Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink.

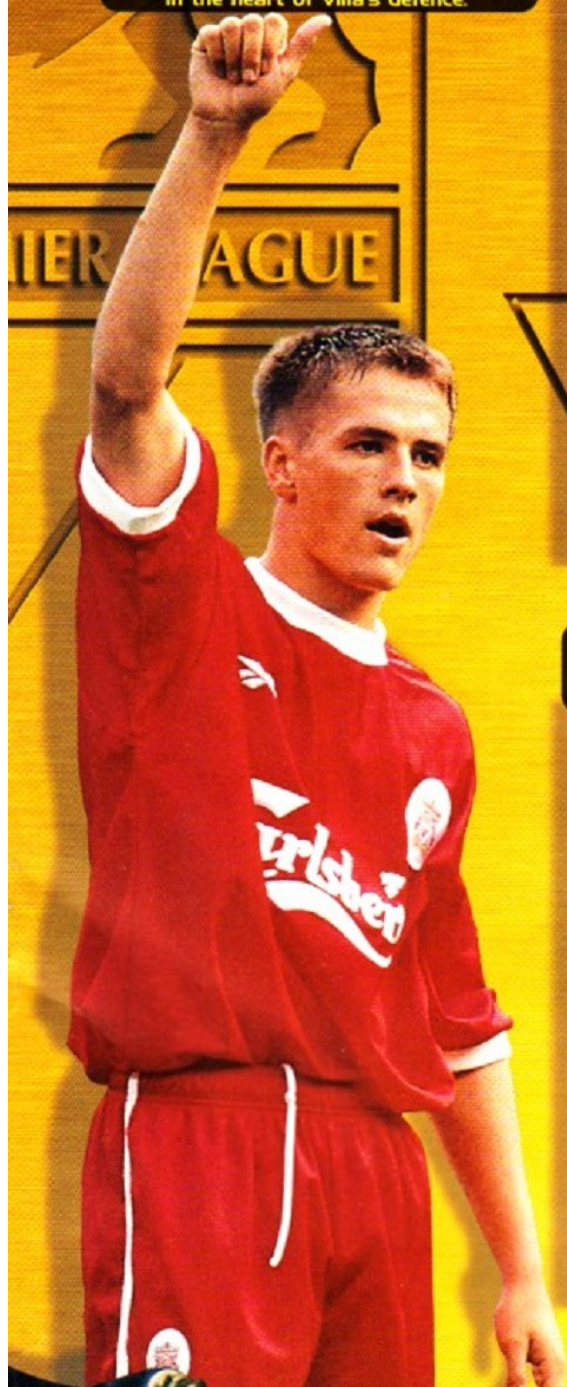


Joe Cole is an exciting prospect for the Hammers. His skill, vision and attacking instincts have fitted comfortably into the West Ham first team.



In a Manchester United squad overflowing with talent, Wes Brown has emerged as one of the Red Devils' most exciting young prospects.

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## THE BIG MATCH



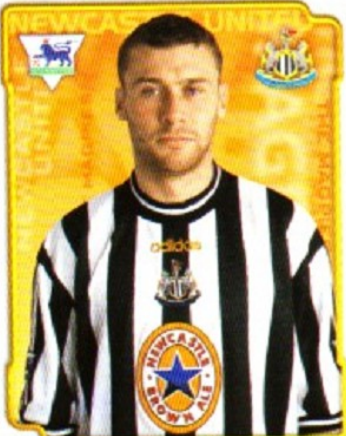
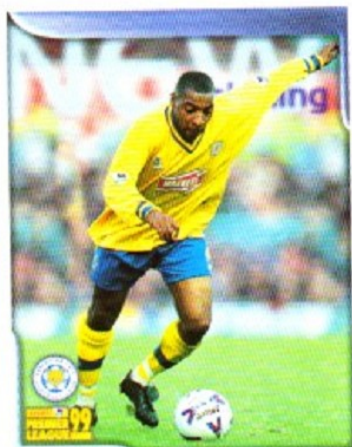
The London derby between Spurs and Arsenal seldom needs any pre-match hype to spice up proceedings. However, on November 14 the fixture had added significance as former Highbury hero George Graham returned for the first time since taking charge of arch-rivals Spurs. The fans gave Graham a mixed reception but the tense goalless draw satisfied all present, not least of all Graham.

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### ANDY IMPEY

To: Leicester City  
From: West Ham United  
Impey is a very useful addition to Martin O'Neill's talented squad. His delivery of the ball from wide positions is first class.

NOVEMBER 24, 1998  
Transfer Fee: £1600,000  
Squad No. 24  
LEICESTER CITY DEBUTS:  
PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT  
November 28, 1998 vs Coventry City  
HOME LEAGUE DEBUT  
December 5, 1998 vs Southampton



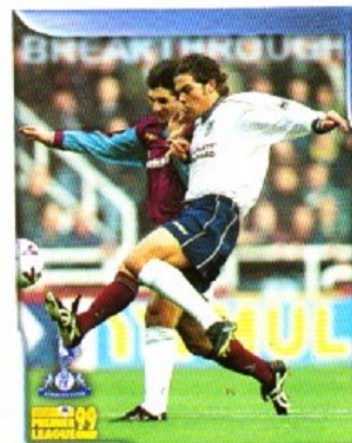
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Transfer Fee: £7,000,000  
Squad No. 20  
NEWCASTLE UNITED DEBUTS:  
PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT  
November 28, 1998 vs Wimbledon  
HOME LEAGUE DEBUT  
November 28, 1998 vs Wimbledon

### DUNCAN FERGUSON

To: Newcastle United  
From: Everton

Ferguson netted a brace on his sensational debut for the Magpies. He's an unstoppable aerial force and his commitment to the cause is unrivalled.

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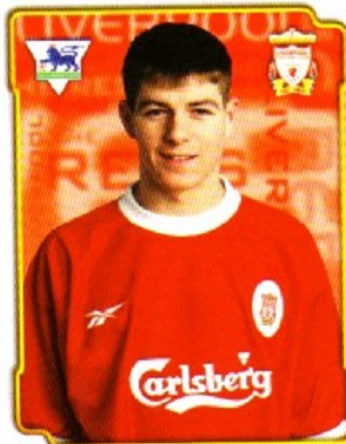


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### LUKE YOUNG

Born: Harlow, 19-7-79  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 77kg  
Luke Young soon worked his way through Spurs' ranks to make an impact on the first team. His calm and confident style has won him many admirers.

NOVEMBER 28, 1998  
Team: Tottenham Hotspur  
Squad No. 32  
PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT  
November 28, 1998 vs West Ham Utd  
DEBUT AGE: 19 years 32 days



NOVEMBER 29, 1998  
Team: Liverpool  
Squad No. 28  
PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT  
November 29, 1998 vs Blackburn  
DEBUT AGE: 18 years 183 days

### STEVEN GERRARD

Born: Whiston, 30-5-80  
Height: 1.86m  
Gerrard is a product of the same Liverpool youth system that produced Jamie Carragher and Michael Owen. Early signs show that he has a bright future.

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## THE F.A. PREMIER LEAGUE

November was packed with action from start to finish. The month produced a stunning 122 league goals and 18 clean sheets. After their opening day blip, Chelsea were still unbeaten in the league, and West Ham and Middlesbrough were also unbeatable in November. The top scoring teams of the month were Aston Villa and Leeds with 11 goals each.





# December

As the Premier League entered the crucial Christmas period, Blackburn appointed Alex Ferguson's assistant, Brian Kidd, as Roy Hodgson's successor in an attempt to revitalise Rovers' form. Meanwhile, at the top of the league, title contenders Chelsea and Manchester United faced each other twice during the month. Both games produced entertaining draws, keeping the two sides in touch with Villa at the top of the table.



## JEAN-MICHEL FERRI

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
87-88-91-92	FC Nantes	F	98	9
92-93	FC Nantes	F	34	4
93-94	FC Nantes	F	36	4
94-95	FC Nantes	F	33	1
95-96	FC Nantes	F	26	-
96-97	FC Nantes	F	33	2
97-98	FC Nantes	F	30	1
Totals			286	21

Born: Lyon, F 7-2-69  
Height: 1.85m Weight: 85kg

DECEMBER 2, 1998

To: Liverpool  
From: Istanbulspor T  
Transfer Fee: £1,700,000  
Squad No: 18



DEC 1, 1998

## Premier League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1 Aston Villa	14	8	5	1	10	29
2 Manchester United	14	8	4	2	14	28
3 West Ham United	15	7	5	3	4	26
4 Arsenal	15	6	7	2	8	25
5 Chelsea	13	6	6	1	9	24
6 Leeds United	15	5	8	2	8	23
7 Middlesbrough	15	5	8	2	7	23
8 Liverpool	15	6	4	5	7	22
9 Derby County	15	5	6	4	1	21
10 Wimbledon	15	5	5	5	-6	20
11 Newcastle United	15	5	4	6	0	19
12 Tottenham Hotspur	15	5	4	6	-4	19
13 Leicester City	15	4	6	5	-2	18
14 Everton	15	4	6	5	-5	18
15 Charlton Athletic	15	3	7	5	-1	16
16 Sheffield Wednesday	15	4	4	7	-1	16
17 Coventry City	15	4	3	8	-8	15
18 Nottingham Forest	15	2	5	8	-12	11
19 Southampton	15	2	4	9	-19	10
20 Blackburn Rovers	15	2	3	10	-10	9



Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
93-94	Argentina Jrs	ARG	21	-
94-95	Ipswich T	P	-	-
95-96	Ipswich T	P	39	-
96-97	Ipswich T	P	41	2
97-98	Ipswich T	P	41	-
Totals			142	2

Born: Buenos Aires, ARG 10-3-73  
Height: 1.71m Weight: 72kg

DECEMBER 4, 1998

To: Tottenham Hotspur  
From: Ipswich Town  
Transfer Fee: £1,775,000  
Squad No: 19

## MAURICIO TARICCO

Manager of the Month  
BRIAN KIDD

Prior to Brian Kidd's appointment Rovers were languishing in the relegation zone, but an impressive unbeaten league run saw them climb the table and earn their new boss the Manager of the Month award for December.



## DEJAN STEFANOVIC

Born: Yugoslavia 28-10-74  
Height: 1.89m Weight: 83kg

The big Yugoslav has proved himself to be a reliable performer for the Owls. Dejan's return to the first team was warmly received at Hillsborough.

DECEMBER 7, 1998  
Team: Sheffield Wednesday  
Squad No: 18  
PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT  
December 26, 1995 vs Nottm Forest  
DEBUT AGE: 21 years 59 days  
98-99 PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT  
December 7, 1998 vs Charlton Ath



To: Leeds United  
From: Newcastle United  
Batty is a proven player of Premier League and international class. A return to his beloved Leeds was an offer the combative midfielder couldn't resist.

DECEMBER 8, 1998  
Transfer Fee: £4,400,000  
Squad No: 23  
LEEDS UNITED DEBUTS:  
PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT  
December 14, 1998 vs Coventry City  
HOME LEAGUE DEBUT  
December 14, 1998 vs Coventry City

## DAVID BATTY

## THE FA PREMIER LEAGUE

Player of the Month  
DAVID GINOLA

Amid intense speculation over David Ginola's future under George Graham's new, tough regime Ginola proved his worth with some of his best performances in a Spurs shirt. His rejuvenated form earned the flamboyant Frenchman the Player of the Month award for December. Ginola is the first Spurs player to win the accolade since Jürgen Klinsmann in August 1994.







### KEITH GILLESPIE

**DECEMBER 15, 1998**  
Transfer Fee: £2,350,000  
Squad No. 31  
BLACKBURN ROVERS DEBUT  
Premier League Debut  
December 19, 1998 vs Nottingham Forest  
HOME LEAGUE DEBUT  
December 26, 1998 vs Aston Villa

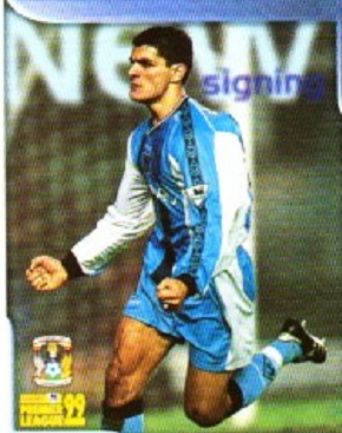
To: Blackburn Rovers  
From: Newcastle United  
Gillespie was Brian Kidd's first signing as Blackburn manager. The flying winger jumped at the chance of rejoining Kidd, who coached him in his Old Trafford days.

Born: Australia, 5-2-76  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 79kg

**DECEMBER 18, 1998**  
To: Coventry City  
From: Portsmouth  
Transfer Fee: £650,000  
Squad No. 28

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
96-97	Coventry	1	36	3
97-98	Portsmouth	1	30	12
<b>Totals</b>			<b>64</b>	<b>14</b>

JOHN ALDOISI



# January



**JAN 1, 1999**

## Premier League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1 Aston Villa	20	11	6	3	11	39
2 Chelsea	20	9	10	1	14	37
3 Manchester United	20	9	8	3	15	35
4 Arsenal	20	9	6	5	11	33
5 Leeds United	20	8	9	3	15	33
6 West Ham United	20	9	5	6	1	32
7 Liverpool	20	9	4	7	11	31
8 Middlesbrough	20	7	9	4	6	30
9 Wimbledon	20	8	6	6	-5	30
10 Leicester City	20	7	7	6	2	28
11 Derby County	20	6	10	4	2	28
12 Tottenham Hotspur	20	7	6	7	-2	27
13 Newcastle United	20	6	6	8	-4	24
14 Everton	20	5	8	7	-8	23
15 Sheffield Wednesday	20	6	4	10	-1	22
16 Blackburn Rovers	20	4	6	10	-8	18
17 Coventry City	20	4	5	11	-13	17
18 Charlton Athletic	20	3	7	10	-8	16
19 Southampton	20	3	5	12	-22	14
20 Nottingham Forest	20	2	7	11	-18	13



### DIKIER DAMI

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
95-96	PSG, F	1	1	-
96-97	PSG, F	1	12	-
97-98	PSG, F	1	27	-
<b>Totals</b>			<b>40</b>	<b>-</b>

Born: Sarcelles, F. 2-5-78  
Height: 1.74m Weight: 71kg

**DECEMBER 30, 1998**  
To: Newcastle United  
From: Paris St Germain, F  
Transfer Fee: £4,000,000  
Squad No. 4



Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
88-89-90-91	PSG, F	1	57	1
91-92	FC Schalke 04, D	1	33	1
92-93	FC Schalke 04, D	1	20	2
93-94	B Dortmund, D	1	19	-
94-95	B Dortmund, D	1	28	2
95-96	B Dortmund, D	1	30	2
96-97	B Dortmund, D	1	2	-
97-98	B Dortmund, D	1	25	2
<b>Totals</b>			<b>244</b>	<b>9</b>

Born: Brandenburg, D. 19-4-70  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 87kg

**JANUARY 1, 1999**  
To: Tottenham Hotspur  
From: Borussia Dortmund, D  
Transfer Fee: £750,000  
Squad No. 4

### STEFFEN FREUND

## Player of the Month DWIGHT YORKE

The driving force behind United's spectacular January form was their record signing, Dwight Yorke. The smiling striker repaid the club a large chunk of its £12.6million outlay with his best form since moving to Old Trafford. Yorke's five goals in January included a hat-trick against Leicester City. His dazzling partnership with Andy Cole also earned Yorke the Player of the Month award for January.





# FLASH BACK

Last season the Premiership entered the New Year with the eventual champions, Arsenal, 12 points behind the league leaders. If the same comeback is possible this season teams down as far as 12th-placed Tottenham are still in contention for the title! On the subject of comparisons, this time last season Blackburn were flying high in second place and Aston Villa were languishing in mid-table after a disappointing start to their campaign. How fortunes can change in the Premiership!

JAN 1, 1998

## Premier League Table

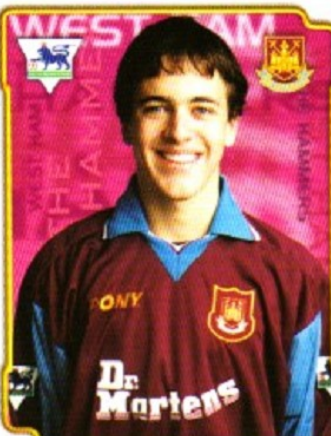
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1 Manchester United	21	14	4	3	33	46
2 Blackburn Rovers	21	11	8	2	4	41
3 Chelsea	21	12	3	6	25	39
4 Liverpool	20	11	4	5	17	37
5 Leeds United	21	10	5	6	7	35
6 Arsenal	20	9	7	4	12	34
7 Derby County	21	9	5	7	6	32
8 West Ham United	21	10	1	10	-4	31
9 Leicester City	21	7	7	7	4	28
10 Aston Villa	21	7	5	9	-2	26
11 Newcastle United	20	7	5	8	-4	26
12 Wimbledon	20	6	6	8	-3	24
13 Southampton	21	7	3	11	-5	24
14 Crystal Palace	21	5	8	8	-8	23
15 Coventry City	21	5	8	8	-8	23
16 Sheffield Wednesday	21	6	5	10	-12	23
17 Bolton Wanderers	21	4	9	8	-14	21
18 Everton	21	5	5	11	-11	20
19 Tottenham Hotspur	21	5	5	11	-18	20
20 Barnsley	21	5	3	13	-34	18



### ASHLEY WARD

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
85-90-91-92	Manchester C	1	1	-
90-91	Wrexham (U)	4	4	2
91-92-93-94	Leicester C	2	10	-
92-93	Blackpool (U)	2	2	1
93-94-95	Coventry A	3	2	25
94-95	Norwich C	P	25	0
95-96	Norwich C	1	28	10
96-97-98	Derby C	1	40	9
97-98	Barnsley	P	25	0
Totals			200	63

Born: Manchester 24-8-70  
Height: 1.89m Weight: 87kg  
JANUARY 4, 1999  
To: Blackburn Rovers  
From: Barnsley  
Transfer Fee: £450,000  
Squad No: 32



JANUARY 10, 1999  
Team: West Ham United  
Squad No: 26

PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT  
January 10, 1999 vs Manchester Utd  
DEBUT AGE: 17 years 63 days

### JOE COLE

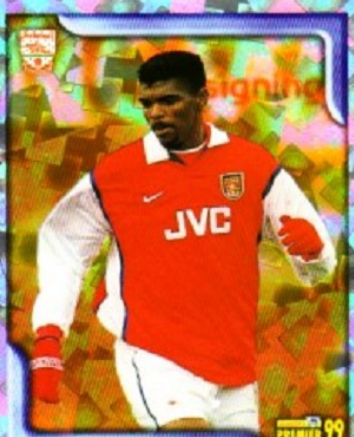
Born: North London, B-11-81  
Height: 1.72m Weight: 70kg  
Cole is being hyped as the brightest prospect of the decade. The teenager happily paraded his glittering array of skills on his West Ham debut.

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### SCOTT MINTO

Born: Cheshire, 6-8-71  
Height: 1.78m Weight: 64kg  
JANUARY 15, 1999  
To: West Ham United  
From: Benfica, P  
Transfer Fee: £1,000,000  
Squad No: 20

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
88-89-89-90	Charlton A	1	26	2
90-91-92	Charlton A	2	76	2
92-93	Charlton A	1	35	1
93-94	Charlton A	1	42	8
94-95	Chelsea	P	19	-
95-96	Chelsea	P	10	-
96-97	Chelsea	P	25	4
97-98	Benfica	P	21	-
Totals			255	11



Season	Club	Div	Apps	Gls
91-92	Red Wings	A	-	-
92-93	Swansea City	A	6	2
93-94	Ajax	A	18	10
94-95	Ajax	A	30	13
95-96	Inter	A	1	1
96-97	Inter	A	1	1
97-98	Inter	A	1	1
Totals			65	25

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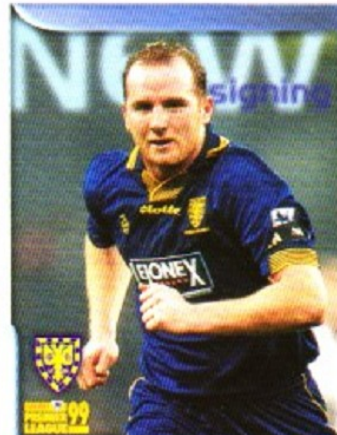
Born: Overl, NIG 01-08-76  
Height: 1.97cm Weight: 80kg  
JANUARY 15, 1999  
To: Arsenal  
From: Inter Milan, I  
Transfer Fee: Undisclosed  
Squad No: 25

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### JOHN HARTSON

To: Wimbledon  
From: West Ham United  
The big Welshman is the Dons' record signing. The addition of the powerful striker will strengthen Wimbledon's push for European qualification.

JANUARY 15, 1999  
Transfer Fee: £750,000  
Squad No: 29  
WIMBLEDON DEBUTS:  
PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT:  
January 16, 1999 vs Tottenham  
HOME LEAGUE DEBUT:  
January 30, 1999 vs West Ham Utd



Joe Cole showed he was "Joe Cool" during an impressive league debut at Old Trafford on January 10, 1999. After an eye-catching 25-minute cameo the previous week in the FA Cup against Swansea, the superstar confirmed the reports that he is one of the brightest prospects in English football with an assured performance off the bench. In a dull West Ham performance, Cole stood out as the Irons' best player and he crowned the occasion by laying on a late consolation goal for Frank Lampard. This gifted young player is certainly one to watch with interest.







Manchester United's excellent form throughout January earned them maximum league points and launched them to the top of the Premiership. The Red Devils' impressive run of results also earned Alex Ferguson the Manager of the Month award for January. The United boss has won the prestigious award more times than any other manager.

**Manager of the Month**  
**ALEX FERGUSON**

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**MATT JANSEN**

Born: Carlisle, 20-10-77  
Height: 1.80m Weight: 71kg  
JANUARY 17, 1999  
To: Blackburn Rovers  
From: Crystal Palace  
Transfer Fee: £4,000,000  
Squad No: 33

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
95-96	Carlisle U	2	10	1
96-97	Carlisle U	3	19	1
97-98	Carlisle U	2	28	9
97-98	Crystal P	P	8	3
Totals			50	11



Born: Forest Gate, 9-9-71  
Height: 1.90m Weight: 81kg  
Royce proved his quality with a series of confident and agile displays. His form between the sticks is vital to the Addicks' Premiership ambitions.

JANUARY 17, 1999  
Team: Charlton Athletic  
Squad No: 28

PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT:  
January 17, 1999 vs Newcastle Utd  
DEBUT AGE: 27 years 130 days

**SIMON ROYCE**

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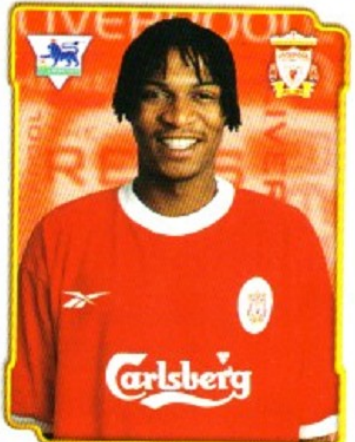


**CARLTON PALMER**

JANUARY 21, 1999  
Transfer Fee: £1,000,000  
Squad No: 20  
NOTTINGHAM FOREST DEBUTS:  
PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT:  
January 30, 1999 vs Everton  
HOME LEAGUE DEBUT:  
February 6, 1999 vs Manchester Utd

To: Nottingham Forest  
From: Southampton  
Palmer was Ron Atkinson's first signing for Forest. The hard-working midfielder's never-say-die attitude makes him just the man to lead Forest to safety.

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Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
93-94	Tottenham, CMA		19	2
94-95	Metz, F		33	-
95-96	Metz, F		32	1
96-97	Metz, F		20	1
97-98	Metz, F		12	3
Totals				

**RIGOBERT SONG**

Born: Nhanglicoch, CMA, 1-7-76  
Height: 1.77m Weight: 75kg  
JANUARY 26, 1999  
To: Liverpool  
From: Salernitana 1  
Transfer Fee: £2,600,000  
Squad No: 4

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Chelsea's unbeaten league run finally came to a dramatic end after a 1-0 defeat at Premier League champions Arsenal. The Blues' only defeat prior to this was on the opening day of the season, when they lost 2-1 to Coventry at Highfield Road. The 21-game unbeaten streak, which is a Premiership record, featured 11 wins and 10 draws.





## HAT-TRICK HEROES

January was a terrible time for goalkeepers as the Premier League's top strikers hit a rich vein of form. Darren Huckerby, Dwight Yorke and Robbie Fowler all scored hat-tricks for their clubs. Huckerby's hat-trick came against Forest, Yorke put three past Kasey Keller and Robbie Fowler got his second hat-trick of the season against Southampton.



### PAOLO DI CANIO

**JANUARY 27, 1999**  
Transfer Fee: £2,000,000  
Squad No. 10  
WEST HAM UNITED DEBUT  
January 30, 1999 vs Wimbledon  
HOME LEAGUE DEBUT  
February 6, 1999 vs Arsenal

To: West Ham United  
From: Sheffield Wednesday  
Di Canio's sublime talents were too much for Harry Redknapp to resist. The skilful Italian could prove to be the bargain of the season.



Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
92-94	Canon Yverde, CMA		15	3
94-95	Lens, F		19	2
95-96	Lens, F		20	2
96-97	Lens, F		18	2
97-98	Lens, F		80	9
<b>Total</b>				

Born: Nkolo, CMA, 1-5-75  
Height: 1.95m Weight: 84kg

**JANUARY 27, 1999**  
To: West Ham United  
From: Lens, F  
Transfer Fee: £4,000,000  
Squad No. 13

### MARC-VIVIEN FOE



### JASON McATEER

To: Blackburn Rovers  
From: Liverpool  
McAteer is likely to play a leading role in Blackburn's revival. Kidd's fourth big-name signing. Jason can play in midfield or defence and is a tireless worker.

**JANUARY 28, 1999**  
Transfer Fee: £4,000,000  
Squad No. 34  
BLACKBURN ROVERS DEBUT  
January 30, 1999 vs Tottenham  
HOME LEAGUE DEBUT  
January 30, 1999 vs Tottenham

Born: France, 16-12-75  
Height: 1.83m Weight: 73kg  
**JANUARY 29, 1999**  
To: Arsenal  
From: Bordeaux, F  
Transfer Fee: £2,500,000  
Squad No. 27

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
95-96	Bordeaux, F		1	1
96-97	Bordeaux, F		29	7
97-98	Bordeaux, F		13	1
<b>Total</b>			43	9

### KABA DIAWARA



### MIKAEL FORSSELL

**JANUARY 31, 1999**  
Team: Chelsea  
Squad No. 32  
PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT  
January 31, 1999 vs Arsenal  
DEBUT AGE: 17 years 322 days

Born: Steinfurt, D, 15-3-81  
Height: 1.84m Weight: 79kg  
Forssell's precocious talents were much sought after by clubs throughout Europe before he finally decided his future lay at Stamford Bridge.



**PREMIER 99 LEAGUE 15**  
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# February

Manchester United's excellent league form continued into February with a stunning 8-1 victory against Forest, extending their unbeaten run to seven games. The game saw Ole Gunnar Solskjaer put himself back into first-team contention. Introduced to the match after 80 minutes, Solskjaer promptly scored four goals in the remaining 10 minutes of play. With fierce competition throughout the table, and at least three teams in serious contention for the title, the conclusion to the 98/99 Premier League season looks set to be more nail-biting than ever.



FEB 1, 1999

## Premier League Table

Team	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1 Manchester United	23	12	8	3	24	44
2 Chelsea	23	11	10	2	15	43
3 Aston Villa	23	12	7	4	13	43
4 Arsenal	23	11	9	3	13	42
5 Leeds United	23	9	9	5	13	36
6 Liverpool	23	10	5	8	16	35
7 Wimbledon	23	9	8	6	-4	35
8 Derby County	23	8	10	5	3	34
9 West Ham United	23	9	6	8	-6	33
10 Middlesbrough	23	7	11	5	4	32
11 Tottenham Hotspur	23	7	9	7	-2	30
12 Leicester City	23	7	9	7	-2	30
13 Newcastle United	23	7	7	9	-4	28
14 Sheffield Wednesday	23	7	5	11	2	26
15 Everton	23	5	9	9	-12	24
16 Coventry City	23	6	5	12	-9	23
17 Blackburn Rovers	23	5	7	11	-8	22
18 Southampton	23	5	5	13	-23	20
19 Charlton Athletic	23	3	8	12	-11	17
20 Nottingham Forest	23	3	7	13	-22	16



**FEBRUARY 4, 1999**  
Transfer Fee: £3,000,000  
Squad No. 24  
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR DEBUTS:  
PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT:  
February 6, 1999 vs Coventry City  
HOME LEAGUE DEBUT:  
February 6, 1999 vs Coventry City

**TIM SHERWOOD**

To: Tottenham Hotspur  
From: Blackburn Rovers  
Sherwood finally joined Tottenham in February. His creative, energetic style is suited to Spurs and a goal on his full debut has endeared him to the fans.

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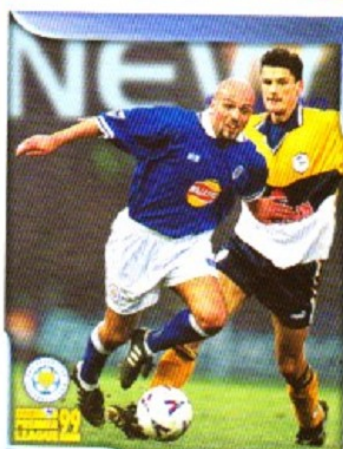
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## ARNAR GUNNLAUGGSSON

Born: Akranes, ICE. 6-3-73  
Height: 182cm Weight: 72kg

**FEBRUARY 6, 1999**  
To: Leicester City  
From: Bolton Wanderers  
Transfer Fee: £2,000,000  
Squad No. 13

Season	Club	Div	Apps	Goals
91/92	IA Akranes, ICE	1	10	15
92/93	Paykan, NL	1	4	-
93/94	Paykan, NL	1	5	-
94/95	Nuremberg, D	1	28	8
94/95	IA Akranes, ICE	1	7	15
95/96	FC Sochaux, F	2	12	3
96/97	IA Akranes, ICE	2	1	-
97/98	Bolton W, P	1	15	-
Totals			91	42



To: Charlton Athletic  
From: Newcastle United  
Barnes grabbed the chance to resurrect his Premiership career. His experience and invention has added an extra dimension to the Addicks' play.

**FEBRUARY 8, 1999**

Transfer Fee: Free  
Squad No. 37  
CHARLTON ATHLETIC DEBUTS:  
PREMIER LEAGUE DEBUT:  
February 8, 1999 vs Liverpool  
HOME LEAGUE DEBUT:  
February 8, 1999 vs Liverpool

**JOHN BARNES**



## ROUNDUP

All players listed have made appearances in the 98/99 season. The players are either additional breakthrough players, on loan or recent squad additions at Premier League clubs.

Fabian Caballero (Arsenal)  
David Grondin (Arsenal)  
Adam Rachel (Aston Villa)  
Damien Johnson (Blackburn Rovers)  
Dario Marcolin (Blackburn Rovers)  
David Dunn (Blackburn Rovers)  
Kevin Lisbie (Charlton Athletic)  
Martin Pringle (Charlton Athletic)  
Paul Mortimer (Charlton Athletic)  
John Terry (Chelsea)  
Mark Nicholls (Chelsea)  
Paul Hall (Coventry City)  
Barry Quinn (Coventry City)  
Sam Shilton (Coventry City)  
Muhammed Konjic (Coventry City)  
Jonathan Hunt (Derby County)  
Malcolm Christie (Derby County)  
Adam Farley (Everton)  
Francis Jeffers (Everton)  
Jamie Milligan (Everton)  
Willem Korsten (Leeds United)

Paul Robinson (Leeds United)  
Stefan Oakes (Leicester City)  
Frode Kippe (Liverpool)  
John Curtis (Manchester United)  
Jonathan Greening (Manchester United)  
Robbie Stockdale (Middlesbrough)  
Louis Saha (Newcastle United)  
Garry Brady (Newcastle United)  
Carl Serrant (Newcastle United)  
George Georgiadis (Newcastle United)  
Christian Edwards (Nottingham Forest)  
Hugo Porfirio (Nottingham Forest)  
Jesper Mattson (Nottingham Forest)  
John Harkes (Nottingham Forest)  
Matthieu Louis-Jean (Nottingham Forest)  
Owen Morrison (Sheffield Wednesday)  
Scott Oakes (Sheffield Wednesday)  
Alan Quinn (Sheffield Wednesday)  
Chris Marsden (Southampton)  
Shayne Bradley (Southampton)  
Scott Marshall (Southampton)  
Steve Basham (Southampton)  
Gary Monk (Southampton)  
Patrick Collier (Southampton)  
Manny Omojimi (West Ham United)  
Lee Hodges (West Ham United)





There are sure to be more big transfers and debuts in the coming months, so keep track of the future Premier League stars by filling in the table below.

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PLAYER	TEAM	GOALS

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